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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles 13, California
February 16, 1949

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Director, FBI

Attention: FBI Laboratory

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was., Et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE-R; INTERNAL SECURITY-R

Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover by registered air mail one Model G Leica camera bearing serial number 162673 and Summar lens number 238667, together with a leather carrying case. This camera was obtained from WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE, 116 Siena Drive, Long Beach, California, on February 15, 1949. It will be recalled that CRANE purchased this camera in New York City in the 1930's with money furnished to him by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Reference is made to Bureau teletypes dated February 2, and February 10, 1949, in this case to the Los Angeles Office requesting that this camera be obtained from CRANE and forwarded to the Bureau for appropriate examination. WILLIAM CRANE makes his livelihood as a commercial photographer and is presently conducting practical experiments with an under-water camera and a camera used to take pictures of oil well casings to the depth of 10,000 to 12,000 feet. He has a continuous need for his Leica camera in connection with his work and turned the above-mentioned Leica camera over to Bureau Agents on condition that he be furnished with a similar Leica to use while his camera is forwarded to the Bureau.

A modified Model F Leica camera, serial number 48265 or 48266, the last digit not being readable, with lens number 282295, was rented by the Los Angeles Office from the Morgan Camera Shop, 6262 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, at the rate of \$2.50 per day, beginning February 14, 1949, and has been turned over to CRANE for his use.

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In view of the above facts it is requested that the Bureau conduct the examination of CRANE's camera as soon as possible so that it may be returned to CRANE. It will be recalled that CRANE has advised that his Leica camera was never used by him for taking photographs of documents in connection with his illegal work with the Soviet Espionage apparatus.

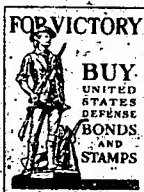
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/17/49

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases; ALGER HISS ET AL
 PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY (R), ESPIONAGE (R)
 (Bureau file 74-1333)

Reference is made to New York letter dated February 9, last wherein it was requested that this office take photographs of the Knight Homestead on Route 101 at Peterboro, New Hampshire, inasmuch as it is possible that this is the guest house at which CHAMBERS and ALGER HISS and his wife stayed during August, 1937.

This is to advise that on February 16, last agents of this office took photographs of the Knight Homestead and the Bleak House, both of which are located adjacent to one another on Route 101 approximately one mile south of Peterboro.

These undeveloped photographs are being forwarded to the New York Division, and it is requested that they be developed and exhibited to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

The following is a description of photographs taken:

Pack #1

Photos 1 to 5 inclusive - taken on Route #101 from a position south of the Knight Homestead.

Photos 6 to 10 inclusive - taken from a position south of Knight Homestead on Route #101.

Photo 11 - taken from a position on the west side of Route #101 south of Knight Homestead.

Photo 12 - taken on the west side of Route #101 opposite Knight Homestead showing gravel driveway.

Pack #2

Photos 1 to 4 inclusive - taken from a position west of Route #101 opposite Knight Homestead property showing front view of the house.

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Photo 6 - taken on the Homestead property showing front view of the house.

Photos 7 to 10 inclusive - taken from a position in front of the Homestead, showing Route #101 which runs north and south in front of the house.

Photo 11 - hill at the rear of Knight Homestead.

Photo 12 - outbuilding adjacent to rear of Homestead.

Pack #3

Photos 1 and 2 - photographs of Bleak House, which is the property adjoining Knight Homestead. These photos were taken from a position on Route #101, south of the house.

Photo 3 - photograph of Route #101, showing this road as it runs south to north toward the town of Peterboro.

Photos 4 and 5 - taken from Route 101, opposite Bleak House.

Photo 6 - taken at intersection of Route #101 and Pine Street.

Photo 7 - photograph of Route 101, showing hill thereon leading up to the intersection of Pine Street and Route #101.

Photo 8 - is a photograph of the Bleak House taken from a position on Pine Street showing the north side of the house.

Photos 9 to 12 inclusive - taken from a position in front of the Bleak House, showing the south side of the house.

Pack #4

Photos 1 to 12 inclusive - taken from different positions on the Bleak House property, showing the south, southeast and southwest views of the house.

It should be noted upon review of photographs 1 to 4 inclusive in film pack #2 that there is a gravel drive, slightly inclined, running at a right angle from Route #101 to the Knight Homestead. This would seem to be in agreement with the description of the gravel driveway previously furnished by CHAMBERS.

While at Peterboro, New Hampshire, agents obtained the guest registration book which includes guest registrations for the month of August, 1937 and this is being forwarded under separate cover to the FBI Laboratory with the request that results of examination be forwarded to the New York Division.

This guest registration book was obtained from the present co-owners of the Knight Homestead, Mrs. ETHEL MacDUFF and Miss CLARA A. SPRATT. In the event that this guest book may at some future date have evidentiary value it is further being advised with regard thereto that while entries were being made in this book during the year 1937 the book was maintained by the former owner, Mrs. MINNIE KNIGHT, who is 83 years of age and presently confined to an old ladies' home in Peterboro, New Hampshire.

There are also being submitted herewith as an enclosure to the New York Office three photographs of the exterior of the Bleak House together with one photograph of the Music Room in the interior of the Bleak House, which were obtained from Mrs. ELIZABETH M. BINCHAM, present manager of this house. It is suggested that these photographs might be displayed to CHAMBERS and there-
after returned to this office.

In conclusion it is being stated while at Peterboro, New Hampshire, agents of this office carefully scrutinized all other residences located on Granite Street, which incidentally runs south from the town of Peterboro, in an effort to locate other tourist or guest houses at which ALGER HISS and his wife together with CHAMBERS might have stayed during their one-night stopover in this community in 1937. This search was made with negative results.

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA	DATE WHEN MADE 2/10/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/4/49	REPORT MADE BY LEWIS D. HALLA KED
TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Eighth Circuit Judge ~~SETH~~ THOMAS, Fort Dodge, Iowa, former Solicitor for the Department of Agriculture from April 1933 to September 1935, had ALGER HISS under his supervision as an attorney in the Legal Department from late in 1934 or early 1935 until September 1935. Through his infrequent business contacts during that time, Judge THOMAS found ALGER HISS to be quiet, very intelligent, cooperative and a competent attorney; he found his work to be very creditable and received no reports that would discredit him in any way. Judge THOMAS did not learn of any of HISS' associates or receive any indication of HISS being involved in a C.P. underground movement at that time or learn of his economic or political views or affiliations. Judge THOMAS did not meet any individuals through HISS and was never at his residence.

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SETH THOMAS, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit,

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U. S. Post Office Building, advised that he was Solicitor for the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., from April 1933 to September 1935. At the time Judge THOMAS assumed the position as Solicitor for the Department of Agriculture, he explained that there were two legal units in the department. One of these legal units was under the Farm Adjustment Administration of the Department of Agriculture under the supervision of JEROME FRANK. The other legal unit was under his direct supervision. Judge THOMAS said that ALGER HISS was originally employed by JEROME FRANK and worked under his supervision until late in 1934 or early in 1935, when an order was handed down combining the two legal units into one legal department, operating under his supervision as Solicitor. Judge THOMAS stated that it was at the time of this change that he had his first contact with ALGER HISS. ALGER HISS was an attorney in the Legal Department of the Farm Adjustment Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and continued to be employed as an attorney after his department was placed under the supervision of Judge THOMAS. He said that JEROME FRANK, under whose supervision HISS formerly worked, is presently serving as Circuit Judge of the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, New York City, New York.

According to Judge THOMAS, his contact with ALGER HISS was entirely in a business way within the Department of Agriculture. He explained that these contacts were infrequent, inasmuch as he had about 115 attorneys under his supervision and 1,200 other employees.

Judge THOMAS recalled that ALGER HISS was quiet, a very intelligent, cooperative and competent attorney; he found his work to be very creditable and received no reports that would discredit him in any way. Judge THOMAS pointed out that at about the same time that he was Solicitor with the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. there was quite a bit of publicity appearing in the papers to the effect that the Department of Agriculture had what was referred to at the time as "radicals," or "socialists". Judge THOMAS stated that because of this unfavorable publicity CHESTER DAVIS, who was Administrator of the Farm

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Adjustment Administration, and Judge THOMAS made confidential investigations of the people affected, which resulted in the dismissal of several in the Department of Agriculture. Judge THOMAS pointed out, however, that the name of ALGER HISS never received any of this publicity at the time and nothing resulted from their investigation to indicate that he was so inclined.

CHESTER DAVIS is presently President of the Federal Reserve Bank at St. Louis, Missouri.

Judge THOMAS further explained that his only personal contact with ALGER HISS was when he, Judge THOMAS, would call for HISS to come to his office to personally discuss some legal problem which Judge THOMAS had previously assigned to HISS for research or other such legal work. He pointed out, therefore, that he had no occasion to learn of any economic or political views or affiliations which HISS might have had. Judge THOMAS stated that he did not learn of any of HISS' associates or receive any indication, whatsoever, of HISS being involved in Communist Party underground movement at that time. Judge THOMAS stated that he did not meet any individuals through HISS and was never at the residence of HISS. He pointed out that he was not well enough acquainted to know whether HISS was married or where he resided at that time.

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LEADS

NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City, N. Y.: Following lead is a repetition of the lead set out in reference Omaha teletype to the Director and New York City dated 2-4-49:

Will interview JEROME FRANK, Circuit Judge, Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, relative to any information he may have learned regarding ALGER HISS as has reference to this matter during his contact with him from the time he employed him as an attorney in the Legal Department of the Farm Adjustment Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, until late in 1934 or early in 1935, when he was taken from FRANK's supervision and placed under the supervision of Judge SETH THOMAS.

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Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD 2-23-49

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DIRECTOR AND SAC, BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK

JAHAM. RETEL FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, LAST, RELATIVE TO LOCATION OF WILLIAM ROSEN. ROSEN RETURNED TO WASHINGTON JANUARY TWENTYFOUR, LAST, AND HAS BEEN SEEN AS LATE AS WEEK OR TEN DAYS AGO HERE. MOVED FURNITURE TO SMITH STORAGE COMPANY ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, LAST. NOTIFIED PO TO FORWARD ALL MAIL TO TWO ONE TWO NAUGHT CADASH SEVENTEENTH ST., SANTA MONICA, CALIF., ON JANUARY TWENTY, LAST. HE HAS REFUSED TO TELL PRESENT OCCUPANTS OF HIS FORMER APARTMENT WHO OWE HIM MONEY AS TO HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, STATING TO TELL ANYONE WHO IS LOOKING FOR HIM THAT HE HAS GONE TO NY AND LEFT TOWN. HAMILTON NATIONAL BANK, BROOKLAND BRANCH, WHO IS COLLECTING MONEY ON NOTES FOR SALE OF ROSEN'S BUSINESS HAS BEEN ADVISED TO FORWARD MONEY AS RECEIVED TO SANTA MONICA ADDRESS. ROSEN IS OBVIOUSLY AWARE OF BUREAU'S INQUIRIES AND IS AVOIDING SUBPOENA. BALTIMORE REQUESTED TO CONTACT MAURICE BRAVERMAN, HIS ATTORNEY, BEFORE HQUA RELATIVE TO HIS WHEREABOUTS. WIFE, ADDIE ROSEN, STILL IN CALIFORNIA. STOPS PLACED WITH PERSONS WHO OWE HIM MONEY AND WHO HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO WAIT AND HE WILL NOTIFY THEM WHERE TO PAY HIM. SUGGEST SUBPOENA BE AT HAND IF WHEREABOUTS BECOME KNOWN. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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DIRECTOR, SACS NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R.
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RE NY TEL TO NEW HAVEN, BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES, SEVENTEENTH INST. CONCERNING LESTER MARX HUETTIG.

FOR INFO OF INTERESTED OFFICES, NEW HAVEN HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFO ITS FILES NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK. NO ACTION BEING TAKEN BY NEW HAVEN CONCERNING INQUIRIES AT REMINGTON ARMS CO., BRIDGEPORT, CONN., PENDING BUREAU AUTHORITY.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R., IS-R.
RE LOS ANGELES TEL FEB. SIXTEEN INST. NY FILES CONTAIN NO PERTINENT
INFORMATION ON LESTER MARK HUETTIG OR MAE D. HUETTIG, NOT AVAILABLE
TO LOS ANGELES. ONLY FURTHER INFO THESE NAMES IS IN DUN AND BRAD-
STREET REPORT ON THE ANDES TRADING CORP., NYC, TO THE EFFECT THAT A
MAE HUETTIG, FORMER SEC-Y AND TREASURER OF THE ANDES TRADING CORP.,
FOUNDED AUGUST TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN FORTYONE, SUPPLIED INFO TO DUN
AND BRADSTREET REGARDING THAT CORPORATION DURING NINETEEN FORTYTWO.
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NO PERTINENT INFO AT PRESENT TIME. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS SAYS DOES
NOT KNOW OR KNOW OF HUETTIG. LOS ANGELES WILL DETERMINE PRECISE
WHEREABOUTS AND ACTIVITIES OF LESTER MARK HUETTIG AND WIFE AND BUREAU
AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED FOR INTERVIEW BY LOS ANGELES OF LESTER MARK
HUETTIG AND MAE HUETTIG ON COMPLETION OF LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW OF
CRANE. SINCE CRANE-S TESTIMONY MAY BE NEEDED FOR PERJURY TRIAL

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OF ALGER HISS AND SINCE SEVERAL INTERVIEWS ARE BEING WITHHELD UNTIL FULL INFO RE THESE INDIVIDUALS HAS BEEN SECURED FROM CRANE PRIOR TO SAID INTERVIEWS, LOS ANGELES REQUESTED TO ADVISE APPROXIMATELY WHEN THAT OFFICE EXPECTS TO COMPLETE FULL INTERVIEW OF CRANE AND APPROXIMATELY WHEN REPORT REFLECTING FULL RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH CRANE MAY BE EXPECTED.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R, IS-R. RE TRIP OF HISS AND CHAMBERS TO PETERBORO, N. H. BETWEEN AUGUST TENTH TO FIFTEENTH, THIRTYSEVEN AT WHICH TIME THEY ATTENDED PLAY QUOTE SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER UNQUOTE, AT STEARNS FARM, MIDDLE HANCOCK ROAD, PETERBORO, N. H. OWNER OF STEARNS FARM IS MRS. EDITH BOND STEARNS, RESIDING HOTEL MARTON THREE DASH FIVE EIGHTH ST. NY, ELEVEN NY. SUGGEST NY CONTACT MRS. STEARNS WHO APPARENTLY DIRECTED THE QUOTE PETERBOROUGH PLAYERS UNQUOTE AS POSSIBLE FUTURE WITNESS WHO CAN TESTIFY EXACT DATES ON WHICH INSTANT PLAY WAS PUT ON AND THAT SHE CAN STATE INSTANT PLAY WAS AT FARM OWNED BY HER AT PETERBORO. ADVISE BOSTON OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Director, FBI

DATE: February 18, 1949

FROM :

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT:

J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Rerep Special Agent LAMBERT G. ZANDER, dated
 February 4, 1949, at Washington, D. C.

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There are enclosed herewith, amended pages
 numbers 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 69, which are to replace
 pages originally submitted in instant report.

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AND NINETEENTH LAST. CRANE NOW BELIEVES ITALIANS COVER NAME WAS
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was;
ALGER HISS, ET AL
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re my memorandum of January 31, 1949. I have checked with the results of sundry investigation completed and now in process as it will be of value in the trial of ALGER HISS and have instructed in this further inquiry as will be necessary.

Also, as to the other matters which will cover the over-all picture of all supposed espionage agents disclosed by CHAMBERS, I have given this the same close attention for the possibility of bringing this also to some conclusion in the future as to what we can obtain and what can be done with such information if evidence can be obtained to show actions which can now be prosecuted. This will require, particularly, an effort to bring same within the Statute of Limitations as to the persons concerned and, particularly, as to whether any of these have continued their efforts or were concerned with persons who have continued into the present time their actions as Agents for the USSR. This part of the inquiry will require considerable investigation divided among the various apparatus situated in different parts of the country and which may or may not be shown as acting in concert.

As to all of these situations, the matter is being closely followed from day to day by the New York Office with the Bureau as to the necessity and propriety of certain phases of the investigation and, particularly, as to the interview of individuals who arise for inquiry and, particularly, wherein these might be thought situations which might create undesirable reactions towards the investigation if interviewed at the particular moment.

Summary Report

There has been instructed and followed in careful detail the manner of preparing a summary report as to the Perjury trial of ALGER HISS and the

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the substance and completeness of the evidence which will be necessary in his trial. I am and I will follow any and all material prepared as to this as well as any inquiry which may be necessary to fully sustain the Government's position as to each phase of the evidence necessary. A considerable portion of this has been prepared and is proceeding. It should be completed in detail, as to the report and any investigation necessary to complete the detail thereof, by March 7, 1949, as instructed by the Bureau or at an earlier date. As now set by stipulation with the Government, the hearing on the motions, instead of February 14, 1949, will be heard on March 7, 1949, and the trial, previously set for February 24, 1949, has been set for March 21, 1949.

William Edward Crane

WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE, alias Keith, who has been interviewed and is being checked further by the Los Angeles Office and who has been identified by CHAMBERS, will be able to furnish testimony similar to the expected testimony of HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH, which would further enhance the Government's position as to this situation and sustain CHAMBERS in his allegations of operating as an espionage agent for the Soviet Government. CRANE was active with CHAMBERS and BORIS BYKOV, CHAMBERS principal, and was active in New York, Washington, Baltimore and San Francisco. He also was in direct contact with BYKOV.

Association of Alger Hiss with
Jay David Whittaker Chambers

The association of CHAMBERS and HISS has been sustained further by reference to the maids working in the HISS home and this is being pursued further. As to the Woodstock typewriter in the home of HISS, this has been shown by some of the maids to possibly have been in his home until 1947 when HISS moved to New York. This, however, may not be too strongly shown by reason of the types of persons who would supply the information. As to the typewriter specimens, we have not as yet obtained a later specimen than the one dated May 27, 1937. As to the rugs BYKOV furnished through CHAMBERS to HISS and others, the purchase of these by CHAMBERS has been definitely shown although the chain of delivery has not been fully proven from the merchant from whom purchased directly into the hands of the other individuals in Washington. As to the latter, it is noted that CHAMBERS actually delivered the rug to HISS, according to his statements, after obtaining same from SILVERMAN.

As to the trip of CHAMBERS with HISS and wife to Peterborough, New Hampshire, with stop at Thomaston, Connecticut, in August, 1937 to interview

|| HARRY DEXTER WHITE, we have not as yet been able to definitely establish witnesses who can verify this and inquiry is continuing further. It still may be necessary to have CHAMBERS proceed to these points in an effort to obtain witnesses who can identify him and possibly associate him with the others.

The chronology of the handling of the 69 documents, presumably obtained by CHAMBERS from HISS in early 1938 and as disclosed by CHAMBERS in November, 1948, has been substantially completed with the possibility that we might be able to introduce them without a complete chain of evidence by reference to the marking of same by the Court Reporter in November, 1948, when same were introduced in evidence in the pre-trial deposition in the libel action of HISS and CHAMBERS. ||

Every effort will be made to complete the summary report with the additional necessary investigation as soon as possible. ||

Respectfully,


E. J. CONNELLEY,
Assistant Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DM*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
PERJURY;
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 16, 1949

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Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
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At 4:10 p.m. today, ASAC Belmont, New York, called in and stated that the interview with Chambers today had been completed and that they interviewed him today concerning his statement which he had left last night. He stated that his activity as a homosexual was in the period 1932-38 and arose from contact with men on the street in New York and Washington. His friends and associates in espionage matters have no knowledge of this activity. The details of the interview will be forwarded by the New York Office tonight.

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Mr. Harbo Note & return

Mr. Mohr Send file

Mr. Pennington Bring up-to-date

Mr. Quinn-Tamm Correct

Mr. Nease Re-date

Miss Gandy Please initial & return

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From Connelley in New York.

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D. M. Ladd - Rm. 5736

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FRANCES GUTELIUS, AKA MRS. JAMES WATT, PRESENTLY RESIDING ONE
SEVEN THREE NAUGHT NAPOLEON AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, LA. HAVING
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PAST CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY. NEW YORK AND BUREAU SHOULD BE
PROMPTLY ADVISED OF RESULTS OF INTERVIEW SO THAT CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN
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CC WASHINGTON FIELD (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER) HOOVER.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R.

RE LA TEL FEBRUARY FOURTEEN LAST. TEI JI JOE KOIDE REPORTEDLY

PRESENTLY LIVING ONE TWENTY WEST SEVENTEENTH ST., LA., FIFTEEN

N A ROOMING HOUSE OWNED BY HIS MOTHER IN LAW, WHOSE NAME NOT

KNOWN. PHOTO OF KOIDE NOT AVAILABLE SF.

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PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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There are enclosed herewith for the information of the New York Office two photostatic copies of a letter dated January 11, 1949, written by Franklin Reno to Colonel L. E. Simon, Director, Ballistic Research Laboratories, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland, the contents of which are self-explanatory.

This letter is being made available to you in order that you may call it to the attention of Mr. T. J. Donegan. This letter was made available to the Bureau by the Intelligence Department of the Army.

Enclosure

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4428 South Bannock Street
Englewood, Colorado
January 11, 1949

Colonel L. E. Simon
Director, Ballistic Research Laboratories
Worcester Proving Grounds, Maryland

Dear Colonel Simon:

I thank you very much
for your very kind letter of December 22.
I spent some time in the hospital a few
days after my release by the New York
Grand Jury but I am now much improved.
I am on a few days vacation at present.

Although much of the
publicity which I saw on the case was
highly inaccurate, the facts are extremely
damaging. I will be glad to supply you
with any information which you may
desire about the case but I believe that
I will simply forward this short letter
to-day since it is somewhat over-due.
The facts are eleven years old and they
were not, I believe, known to anyone
at the Proving Ground except myself.
I have had no relation whatever with
anyone whom I believe knew them for
almost eleven years but they are of
such a character that some official action,
such as acceptance of resignation or some other form of
action to relieve the Proving Grounds of
any further embarrassment due to either
the publicity or the facts may be required.
I do not know, of course, what action may
be best from the standpoint of the Proving
Grounds, and I have been proceeding
throughout this case so as to avoid publicity
in so far as it has been possible. I will
write again in a few days and describe
the facts in the case at some length. I have
assured the Department of Justice that these
facts were, I believe, known to no one at the Proving
Grounds except myself.

Respectfully,

Franklin B. Rind

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
 FROM: SAC, Kansas City
 SUBJECT: LAWRENCE DUGGAN
 SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: January 17 1949

This is to advise that information has been received from Confidential Informant [redacted] who has written as follows:

"LAWRENCE DUGGAN was a member of some of my New York groups and played around with them and STEPHAN DUGGAN is doing the same now--I'm afraid of more accidents. * * * I received a personal letter from LAWRENCE DUGGAN's Group October 7. If they wrote to me of course you know their status as I do. I'm keeping letter for you."

The above letter was dated January 4, 1949.

The same informant in a letter dated January 9, 1949, advised as follows:

"I think that LAWRENCE DUGGAN was 'railroaded to his death.' It takes a 'stout fella' to cope with these groups. I was asked to become a member of his group some time ago. I sent in membership card as requested."

As the Bureau has previously been advised numerous times, [redacted] has been considered as such an unstable type that no encouragement has been given to her in the capacity of an informant. This office has not contacted her specifically and will not do so unless advised to the contrary. She has, however, frequently written letters to this office and any such information voluntarily received from her is read and evaluated. It has appeared that from time to time she has been capable of furnishing information of value. This office has no information pertaining to the above-entitled subject and the above is being forwarded merely for the Bureau's information and possible interest.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL
PERJURY - ESPIONAGE-R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to a teletype from your office dated February 9, 1949, requesting authority to interview William Rogers, Chief Counsel, Senate Sub-Committee on Expenditures. Authority is granted for this interview and you are instructed to have two experienced agents who are thoroughly familiar with this case, handle this interview.

cc-New York

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
REBULET FEBRUARY 3, LAST, AND REPORT DATED DECEMBER 23, 1948, AT
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. REFERENCED REPORT REFLECTS ABRAHAM GEORGE
SILVERMAN'S RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD PERSONNEL FILE FORWARDED TO
WILLIAM ROGERS, CHIEF COUNSEL, SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE ON EXPENDITURES,
AUGUST 24, 1948. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW ROGERS AND REVIEW
PERTINENT FILES IN HIS POSSESSION.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.;
ALGER HISS
PERJURY - ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 4, 1949

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Attached hereto is a memorandum setting forth information from the Bureau's files on Alger Hiss, with particular respect to his reported participation in Communist espionage in Washington in the 1930's as alleged by Jay David Whittaker Chambers.

Further developments in this connection will be summarized together with the information contained in the attached memorandum in a brief now in the course of preparation on the entire Chambers case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
ALGER HISS
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 28, 1949

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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The information which follows has been obtained from the Bureau's files and pertains to Alger Hiss, one of the individuals who has figured prominently in the allegations of Jay David Whittaker Chambers concerning the existence of a Communist underground espionage apparatus in Washington, D. C. in the 1930's.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Alger Hiss was born November 11, 1904 at Baltimore, Maryland. He attended the public schools of Baltimore, Maryland and Powder Point Academy in Duxbury, Massachusetts. He was granted a Bachelor of Arts degree by Johns Hopkins University in 1926 and a Bachelor of Law degree by Harvard University in 1929. Hiss is married to Priscilla Fansler Hobson Hiss and has one son, Anthony, and a stepson, Timothy Hobson.

Following his graduation from Harvard, Hiss became Secretary to Associate Justice Oliver W. Holmes of the United States Supreme Court and remained in that capacity until October, 1930. From that time until May, 1933 he practiced law in Boston, Massachusetts and New York City. Hiss was then employed from May, 1933 until April, 1935 as Assistant to the General Counsel and as Assistant General Counsel of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at a salary of \$6,000 to \$7,000 per year. During a portion of this period he served as a legal assistant to the Senate Munitions Investigation Committee, remaining in that position until August, 1935. During the succeeding year until August, 1936 Hiss served as Special Attorney in the Office of the Solicitor General in the Department of Justice at a salary ranging from \$6,000 to \$7,500 a year. He was appointed Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State at \$5,600 per year on September 1, 1936, and on June 1, 1939 his salary was increased to \$5,800 per year. In 1942 he was reported to be Assistant to the Adviser on Political Relations in the Department of State. On February 19, 1945 Hiss, then Deputy of the Office of Special Political Affairs in the Department of State, was indicated as the successor of Edwin C. Wilson as Director of that office upon the assignment of Wilson as Ambassador to Turkey. Hiss served as Secretary General of the United Nations Conference at San Francisco in 1945. He resigned from the Department of State in January, 1947 to become President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. As a result of the disclosures of Jay David Whittaker Chambers concerning Hiss, Hiss is presently on a ninety-day leave of absence with pay from his post with the Carnegie Endowment, pending a clarification of the controversy which has arisen between him and Chambers. (101-2668-10)

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INVESTIGATION PRIOR TO CHAMBERS' ALLEGATIONS

Alger Hiss was investigated in the latter part of 1941 and the early part of 1942 in accordance with the provisions of Public Law #135 (Hatch Act). At that time Hiss had been reported to be a member of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action according to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It was determined, however, that the name of Alger Hiss did not, in fact, appear in the active indices of that organization but that the name of his wife did. Since Hiss was then Assistant to the Adviser on Political Relations in the Department of State, a copy of the report on this investigation was furnished to the Secretary of State by letter dated March 24, 1942. This report set forth information furnished by a former fellow-employee of Hiss in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration to the effect that Hiss and his associates in the AAA, if not Communists, were fellow travelers. No other unfavorable information was developed and Hiss himself denied in a sworn statement that he had ever been a member of the Communist Party, the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, or of any other organization which advocated the overthrow of the Government.

By letter dated March 26, 1942 G. Howland Shaw, Assistant Secretary of the Department of State, advised that Hiss was well and favorably known to a number of the higher officials of the Department and was a valued employee. Mr. Shaw's letter stated that the FBI report, mentioned above, afforded "no basis for administrative action." (101-2668-5, 6; 65-56402-695)

CHAMBERS' ALLEGATIONS ON MAY 13, 1942

On May 13, 1942 Jay David Whittaker Chambers advised Special Agents of the FBI that Alger Hiss and his brother, Donald Hiss, were members of the Communist Party underground organization in Washington which was headed by Harold Ware. Chambers described Alger Hiss as a former employee of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration who had later served in the Government's investigation of the Munitions Industry and had subsequently become an Assistant Solicitor General of the United States. Chambers further explained that the same Hiss had later become an assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State. (100-25824-22)

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED

The Bureau's files do not disclose that any investigation was conducted in 1942 following Chambers' allegations concerning Hiss. It may be noted that Chambers' disclosures were not reported to the State Department by the FBI inasmuch as upon the occasion he furnished this information to FBI Agents, Chambers had first obtained approval to do so from Adolf A. Berle, Jr., then Assistant Secretary of State and had made it evident that he had already submitted similar details to Mr. Berle.

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CHAMBERS' ALLEGATIONS IN BERLE NOTES OBTAINED IN JUNE, 1943

In June, 1943 the FBI obtained from the then Assistant Secretary of State, Adolf A. Berle, a copy of notes which he had made in 1939 in the course of an interview with Chambers. The portion of the Berle notes which pertained to Alger Hiss read as follows:

"Alger Hiss
Assistant to Sayre - CP - 1937
Member of the Underground Com. - Active
Baltimore Boys
Wife - Priscilla Hiss - Socialist -
Early Days of New Deal"

There is no record of any additional information having been furnished by Mr. Berle at the time he furnished a copy of his notes to a representative of the FBI. (100-25824-27)

At this point it should be noted that, as mentioned above, Alger Hiss in March of 1945, was employed by the Department of State. On March 24, 1945 an official of the FBI (Mr. E. A. Tamm, the Assistant to the Director) furnished orally the substance of a summary memorandum, dated March 21, 1945, concerning Alger Hiss to Robert Lynch, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State. This summary memorandum reflected that Chambers, a former member of the Communist Party, had reported that Alger Hiss had been a member of the underground organization of the Communist Party. This memorandum also mentioned that Hiss had been associated with Nathan Witt and Lee Pressman, who were also reported to have been recruited into the Communist underground in Washington, D. C. (61-7559; 100-25836-41; 101-2668-9, 12)

On March 27, 1945 a summary memorandum dated March 26, 1945, containing the information set forth in the preceding paragraph, was furnished to Mr. Frederick B. Lyon, Chief of the Division of Foreign Activity Correlation of the Department of State, by an official of the FBI (Mr. D. M. Ladd) pursuant to Mr. Lyon's request. (101-2668-10)

CHAMBERS' ALLEGATIONS ON MAY 10, 1945

When interviewed on May 10, 1945, Jay David Whittaker Chambers said that Hiss, who in the meantime had become General Secretary of the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, had met on several occasions with Harold Ware's group and that he had usually attended meetings of the group when they were held at Henry Collins' house. He said that when Hiss went with the Senate (Nye) Munitions Investigation Committee, Hiss had been segregated from the

group and had no more official contacts with them. Chambers said, however, that Hiss did meet socially with many of the group and was particularly close to John Abt's sister, Marian Bachrach. Chambers further stated that he had no reason to believe that Hiss had broken away from the Communist Party. As a reason for this belief, he explained that after he, Chambers, had broken with the Party, he had made a special trip to Hiss' home in the Georgetown Section of Washington for the purpose of persuading Hiss to leave the Party. Chambers explained that when he arrived there, Hiss' wife was the only one present and that while Chambers momentarily excused himself to go to the bathroom, he observed Hiss' wife going to the telephone "obviously to get in touch with Party members." Chambers immediately returned to the room and awaited the arrival of Alger Hiss. When Hiss arrived they had dinner together at his home following which Chambers said he talked with him all night in an endeavor to persuade Hiss to leave the Party. Chambers stated that, with tears streaming down his face, Hiss had refused to break with the Communists and had given as his reason for not breaking away, his loyalty to his friends and his principles. Chambers pointed out that in his opinion one of the strongest reasons for Hiss' maintaining contact with the Communist Party was the fanatical loyalty to the Communist Party on the part of his wife. In this connection Chambers explained that he had endeavored to persuade Hiss to leave the Communist Party because he personally had great regard for Hiss and considered him an intelligent and decent young man whose better judgment should have led him to leave the Communist Party.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED

Although no action was immediately taken concerning Chambers' additional information concerning Hiss, Hiss, as a result of the disclosures of Elizabeth Terrill Bentley in November, 1945, became a subject of the investigation conducted in the Silvermaster case. (100-25824-22, 27, 36)

ALLEGATIONS OF ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY IN NOVEMBER - 1945

On November 7, 1945 Elizabeth Terrill Bentley voluntarily appeared at the New York Office of the FBI and furnished, at length, information concerning her own activities as well as the activities of other individuals in Soviet espionage which she stated had extended into agencies of the United States Government. She was thereafter interviewed on numerous occasions during the month of November, 1945 and on November 30, 1945 she signed a statement which set forth her allegations concerning the individuals named by her. It should be noted that Miss Bentley's allegations were the first indication received by the FBI that a Soviet espionage ring had existed in Washington.

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Miss Bentley related that Harold Glasser had been working in Europe for the United States Treasury Department and that Victor Perlo had advised her that Glasser had asked him if he, Glasser, would be able to return to the Perlo Group. Bentley at a later date, in talking with Charles Kramer in New York City, brought up the matter of Glasser's return to activity in the Perlo Group and Kramer, at that time, stated that the person who had originally taken Glasser away from the Perlo Group and had turned him over directly to a Russian was a man named Hiss, who was employed in the Department of State. Miss Bentley subsequently was advised by her Russian contact named Jack that he had learned of the identity of Hiss. Miss Bentley indicated that the Hiss in question was an adviser to Dean Acheson of the Department of State named Eugene Hiss. (Subsequent inquiry pointed to the individual referred to as being Alger Hiss.) (65-56402-220)

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED

Authority was requested of the Attorney General to install a technical surveillance on the residence of Alger Hiss, 3210 P Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., by memorandum dated November 28, 1945. The request was based on the allegation that Hiss was engaged in Soviet espionage. By memorandum dated November 29, 1945, the Attorney General asked if this individual was identical with the one employed in the State Department, and if so, what information the FBI had regarding him. In accordance to the Attorney General's inquiry, a memorandum dated November 30, 1945 was furnished to him concerning Alger Hiss. This memorandum set forth the allegations of Elizabeth Terrill Bentley concerning the individual named Hiss, who was employed in the State Department. This surveillance was authorized and installed. (65-56402-94)

It was ascertained that in March, 1946, Michael Greenberg, another individual mentioned by Miss Bentley as being connected with the espionage ring which she had described, addressed a letter to Alger Hiss, setting forth his qualifications and stating, "I expect to be in New York City next week and would appreciate any suggestions you might make. If it be possible to put me in touch with principal UNO people, I would appreciate it duly." (65-56402-1019)

Alger Hiss was interviewed at his request by a Bureau official, Mr. D. M. Ladd, on March 25, 1946. At that time Hiss explained that he wished to clear up any questions that might have arisen concerning his loyalty to the Government since it had been brought to his attention by the then Secretary of State, James F. Byrnes, that his name had been mentioned in connection with subversive organizations. Hiss, on this occasion, denied that he or his wife were ever members of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action. He mentioned the possibility that his wife could have been a member of the League

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of Women Shoppers because he thought that some of her friends had been members of that organization. Hiss further emphatically stated that at no time had he been a member of the Communist Party or had any association with it. He further declared that he knew of no friends of his who were members of the Party. Asked, whether he had any association with any person or persons who might be members of any subversive organizations which might have caused the belief to exist that he likewise was a member of such organizations, he replied that he knew of no association on his part with any persons which would lead to this conclusion. The results of this interview were made available to both the Attorney General and the Secretary of State on March 25, 1946. (65-56402-1128X)

Chambers was further interviewed on March 28, 1946 at New York City with specific reference to Alger Hiss. On this occasion he said he was unable to elaborate on any of the information concerning Hiss' connection with the Communist Party which he had furnished at the time he was interviewed in 1942 and again in 1945 by Bureau agents. He recalled that after 1937, being no longer actively associated with the Communist Party, he had lost all contact with Alger Hiss. He stated that as a matter of fact he had absolutely no information that would conclusively prove Hiss held a membership card in the Communist Party or that he was an actual dues-paying member of the Party, even while he was active prior to 1937. He declared that he knew in 1937 that Hiss was favorably impressed with the Communist movement and was of the belief that Hiss was then (1946) still of the same belief. He indicated that he did not have any documentary proof on which to base this belief, having based it solely on comments made by various Washington and New York newspaper writers at the time. (100-25823-38)

On December 30, 1946 it was determined through physical surveillance that Robert Talbott Miller, III, also mentioned by Miss Bentley as being involved in the spy ring reported by her, spent three hours at the office of Alger Hiss in the Department of State. (65-56402-2243)

On April 15, 1947 Robert Talbott Miller, III was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI at which time he denied being a member of the Communist Party but acknowledged acquaintanceship with various members of the espionage group described by Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, including Alger Hiss. He insisted, however, that he had no knowledge of any Communist sympathies on the part of any of the individuals he admitted knowing. (65-56402-2349)

Alger Hiss was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI on August 2, 1947. He stated that he was acquainted with Charles Kramer, whom he had met while both were employed in the United States Department of Agriculture, but that he had not seen him for sometime. He denied knowing Nathan Gregory Silvermaster but acknowledged that he was acquainted with John Abt. He advised that he had met Victor Perlo in 1934 but did not recall him very well. He said

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that he had met Harold Glasser in an official capacity when Glasser was an official of the United States Treasury Department, but denied that he had ever placed Glasser in touch with any representative of the Soviet Government. He denied that he had any information to the effect that any individual, either in or out of the Government, had ever attempted to furnish any Government information to unauthorized persons. The individuals mentioned above were others who, according to Miss Bentley, were connected with Soviet espionage in the United States. On that occasion Hiss also denied that he had any connection with the Communist Party and said that he was not acquainted with an individual named Whittaker Chambers. In a signed statement which he furnished he also mentioned knowing Leon Pressman and Henry Collins, both of whom had been mentioned by Chambers in connection with his allegations concerning a Communist underground apparatus in Washington. (65-56402-2530; 65-56402-118; 100-25824-36)

DISTRIBUTION OF FBI REPORTS REFLECTING RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS AND SUMMARY
MEMORANDA SUBSEQUENT TO NOVEMBER 7, 1945

Subsequent to the allegations which Elizabeth Terrill Bentley began to make to the FBI on November 7, 1945, information concerning Alger Hiss has been distributed to the White House, the Attorney General and his former employer, the State Department, as follows:

Information Furnished to White House and Attorney General

White House

On December 4, 1945, Brigadier General Harry H. Vaughan, Military Aide to the President, was furnished a summary (entitled "Soviet Espionage in the United States") dated November 27, 1945. This summary contained the allegations of Elizabeth Bentley concerning Soviet espionage in agencies of the U. S. Government. The name of Alger Hiss was mentioned therein.

A summary of information (captioned "Soviet Espionage in the United States") dated December 12, 1945, containing information concerning the allegations of Bentley, was furnished to Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief of Army and Navy, the White House, by letter dated February 20, 1946. Hiss was named in this summary by Bentley as a member of Soviet espionage parallel operating in agencies of the U. S. Government. This summary was discussed by the A. G. with the President on July 24, 1946. (61-3499-225)

By letter dated February 25, 1946, a summary (entitled, "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the U. S. Government") dated February 21, 1946, wherein Hiss was mentioned, was made available to Brigadier General Harry H. Vaughan, Military Aide to the President. The information on Hiss included in this summary covered his suspected connections with Soviet espionage as alleged by Bentley and the results of the investigation conducted by this Bureau as of that date based on these allegations. This was discussed by the A. G. with the President on July 24, 1946. (65-56402-573)

On March 7, 1946, a memorandum (entitled, "The Comintern Apparatus") dated March 5, 1946, was furnished to Admiral William D. Leahy, Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief of Army and Navy, the White House, which contained information regarding Miss Bentley's allegations about Soviet espionage in the U. S. Government. Alger Hiss was mentioned in connection with this summary. This summary was discussed with the President by the A. G. on July 24, 1946. (100-190625-2054)

On July 24, 1946, the Attorney General discussed with the President a summary (entitled, "Soviet Espionage Activity") dated February 6, 1946, in which brief mention was made of Soviet espionage agents in the U. S. Government as alleged by Miss Bentley. Alger Hiss was mentioned in this summary. The Attorney General was furnished this summary on February 7, 1946. (61-3499-213, 295, 296)

On July 24, 1946, the Attorney General discussed with the President a summary (entitled, "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the United States Government") dated February 21, 1946. This summary had to do with persons alleged by Miss Bentley to be engaged in Soviet espionage who were at that time employed in the U. S. Government. Alger Hiss was mentioned in this group. This summary was furnished the Attorney General on February 23, 1946. (65-54602-490; 61-3499-295, 296)

A summary dated July 25, 1946, (entitled, "Soviet Activities in the United States") was furnished to the Attorney General by memorandum dated July 25, 1946, pursuant to a request made of the Attorney General by Clark M. Clifford, Special Counsel to the President. Under the heading "Government Underground," Bentley's allegations were summarized naming the principal subjects employed in the U. S. Government who were engaged in Soviet espionage. Alger Hiss was included in this group. This summary was for the President's use in connection with the Paris conference on July 29, 1946. (100-345686-1)

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By letter dated December 16, 1946, a summary (entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the U. S. Government") dated October 21, 1946, containing Bentley's allegations regarding Hiss and the results of the investigation conducted by this Bureau as of that date based on these allegations, was made available to George Allen, Presidential Advisor. (65-56402-1817)

Attorney General

On December 4, 1945, a summary (entitled, "Soviet Espionage in the United States") dated November 27, 1945, was furnished to the Attorney General. This summary contained Miss Bentley's allegations concerning Soviet espionage in the U. S. Government and mentioned the name of Alger Hiss. (100-7826-39)

On February 7, 1946, the Attorney General was furnished with a summary (entitled, "Soviet Espionage Activity") dated February 6, 1946, which briefly mentioned Soviet espionage agents in the U. S. Government as alleged by Miss Bentley, including Alger Hiss. This summary was discussed with the President by the Attorney General on July 24, 1946. (61-3499-213, 295, 296)

By memorandum dated February 23, 1946, the Attorney General was furnished with a summary memorandum dated February 21, 1946, (entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the U. S. Government") concerning the persons named by Bentley who were engaged in Soviet espionage and who were at that time employed in the U. S. Government. Hiss was included in this summary. This summary was discussed by the Attorney General with the President on July 24, 1946. (65-56402-490; 61-3499-295, 296)

By memorandum dated February 25, 1946, a summary (entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the U. S. Government") dated February 21, 1946, wherein Hiss was prominently mentioned, was made available to the Attorney General. The information on Hiss included in this summary covered his suspected connections with Soviet espionage as alleged by Bentley and the results of the investigation conducted by this Bureau as of that date based on these allegations. This summary was discussed by the Attorney General with the President on July 24, 1946. (65-56402-573; 61-3499-295, 296)

On March 7, 1946, a memorandum (entitled, "The Comintern Apparatus") dated March 5, 1946, was furnished to the Attorney General, which contained information regarding Miss Bentley's allegations about Soviet espionage in the U. S. Government. Alger Hiss was mentioned in connection with this summary. The Attorney General on July 24, 1946, discussed this summary with the President. (100-203581-5147; 61-3499-295, 296)

By memorandum dated March 13, 1946, captioned, "Reorganization of State Department," the Attorney General was furnished with a summary of information dated March 12, 1946, contained in the FBI files concerning Alger Hiss. This summary reflected the allegations concerning Soviet espionage made by Elizabeth Terrill Bentley. (62-39749-602)

By memorandum dated March 25, 1946, the Attorney General was advised that Alger Hiss appeared at the FBI on March 25, 1946, at which time he was interviewed by an official of the FBI. He was asked to furnish any information in his possession which in his opinion might have led to the report that he was a member of any subversive organizations. There was enclosed a copy of the information which Hiss furnished to the FBI. (101-2668-20)

A summary of information (entitled, "Soviet Espionage in the United States") dated December 12, 1945, containing information concerning the allegations of Bentley was furnished to the Attorney General on July 24, 1946. Hiss was named in this summary by Bentley as a member of a Soviet espionage parallel operating in agencies of the U. S. Government. This summary was discussed by the Attorney General with the President on July 24, 1946. (61-3499-295, 296)

A summary dated July 25, 1946, (entitled, "Soviet Activities in the United States") was furnished to the Attorney General by memorandum dated July 25, 1946, pursuant to a request made of the Attorney General by Clark M. Clifford, Special Counsel to the President. Under the heading "Government Underground," Bentley's allegations were summarized naming principal subjects employed in U. S. Government who were engaged in Soviet espionage. Alger Hiss was included in this group. This summary was for the President's use in connection with the Paris conference on July 29, 1946. (100-345686-1)

By memorandum dated November 27, 1946, a summary dated October 21, 1946, (entitled, "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the U. S. Government") containing Bentley's allegations regarding Hiss and the results of the investigation conducted by this Bureau as of that date based on these allegations was made available to the Attorney General. A copy of this summary was also made available to A. Devitt Vanech, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, by memorandum dated December 6, 1946. (65-56402-1756; 1837)

Information Furnished to Employing Agency

State Department

On December 4, 1945, the Secretary of State was furnished with a summary (entitled, "Soviet Espionage in the United States") dated November 27, 1945, which reflected the allegations of Elizabeth Bentley concerning Soviet espionage in the U. S. Government. This summary contained the name of Alger Hiss. A copy of this summary was made available to Spruille Braden of the State Department on December 7, 1945. (61-3499-198, 200; 62-76274-196)

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On February 7, 1946, a summary (entitled, "Soviet Espionage Activity") dated February 6, 1946, was furnished to the Secretary of State via Mr. Frederick B. Lyon, Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation, State Department. This summary briefly mentioned the allegations of Miss Bentley concerning Soviet espionage agents in the U. S. Government, including Alger Hiss. (61-3499-214)

By letter dated February 21, 1946, a summary concerning Alger Hiss containing the allegations of Bentley was furnished to the Secretary of State. (65-56402-528)

By letter dated February 25, 1946, a summary dated February 21, 1946, (entitled, "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the U. S. Government") wherein Alger Hiss was mentioned, was made available to the Secretary of State. The information on Hiss included in this summary covered his suspected connections with Soviet espionage as alleged by Miss Bentley and the results of the investigation conducted by this Bureau as of that date based on these allegations. A copy of this summary was made available to Mr. Fred Lyon, Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation, Department of State, by letter dated March 13, 1946. (65-56402-573, 616)

On March 7, 1946, a summary (entitled, "The Comintern Apparatus") dated March 5, 1946, was furnished to the Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. This summary contained information concerning Miss Bentley's allegations of Soviet espionage in the U. S. Government. Alger Hiss was mentioned in this summary. (100-190625-2055)

By letter dated March 15, 1946, a summary entitled, "Soviet Espionage in the United States") dated December 12, 1945, containing information regarding the allegations of Bentley was furnished to Mr. Fred Lyon, Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation, State Department. Alger Hiss was named in this summary. (61-3499-238)

By letter dated March 25, 1946, the Secretary of State was advised that Alger Hiss appeared at the FBI on March 25, 1946, at which time he was interviewed by an official of the FBI. He was asked to furnish any information in his possession, which in his opinion might have led to the report that he was a member of any subversive organizations. There was enclosed a copy of the information which Hiss furnished to the FBI. (65-56402-695)

By letter dated November 25, 1946, another summary (entitled, "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the U. S. Government") dated October 21, 1946, containing the allegations of Bentley in which Alger Hiss was mentioned, was made available to the Secretary of State. A copy of this summary was furnished to Mr. Fred Lyon, Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation, State Department, by letter dated December 12, 1946. This summary also reflected the results of the investigation conducted by this Bureau as of October 21, 1946, based on these allegations. (65-56402-1836, 1859)

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CURRENT INVESTIGATION

Jay David Whittaker Chambers furnished a signed statement dated December 3, 1948, to Special Agents of the FBI at Baltimore, Maryland. In this statement Chambers said that he had become a defendant in a civil action brought against him by Alger Hiss in Federal Court at Baltimore, Maryland. This referred to a libel suit presently pending in the U. S. District Court for the District of Maryland which arose out of Chambers' comments concerning Alger Hiss on a radio program entitled, "Meet the Press." In a pretrial deposition taken at the request of Counsel for Hiss on November 17, 1948, in connection with this suit Chambers said he produced in evidence 65 typewritten documents and 4 small pieces of sheet paper on which there appeared handwriting that according to Chambers' recollection was the handwriting of Alger Hiss. Chambers said that the documents referred to were copies of State Department documents which were turned over to him by Alger Hiss during the latter part of 1937 and early part of 1938. He said that the documents had been in the possession of Nathan L. Levine, his wife's nephew, who is a resident of Brooklyn, New York, and a lawyer in New York City. Chambers said that he had asked Levine to hide these documents for him but in the event that any harm should befall Chambers, he told Levine to open them and make them public. Chambers further stated that Levine was unaware of the contents of the documents entrusted to him or of their original source. Chambers said that on November 14, 1948, he secured the return of these documents from Levine who in the meantime had hidden them in a dumb-waiter shaft in his mother's house in Brooklyn. Chambers explained that the envelopes containing the documents also contained three cans of undeveloped film, two strips of developed film and four yellow lined sheets of paper bearing the handwriting of Harry Dexter White. Chambers said he did not introduce the three cans of film in the deposition mentioned above because it was undeveloped, nor did he introduce the two strips of developed film because he wanted to keep all of the film together and possibly have the other film developed and made readable at a later date. He said he likewise did not introduce the sheets of paper bearing the handwriting of Harry Dexter White on the advice of counsel because it was thought to be irrelevant.

The three cans of undeveloped film and the two strips of developed negative film were turned over by Chambers, he said, to the House Committee on Un-American Activities on Thursday night, December 2, 1948, in response to a subpoena served by them at that time. Chambers then declared that he had no other documents whatever of the nature described above.

The 69 original documents produced by Chambers at Baltimore were turned over to the FBI by his attorney, Richard F. Cleveland, on November 29, 1948. (From a preliminary examination they appear to be copies and condensations of communications between the State Department and its foreign posts in Europe and the Far East. They deal generally with the various political, economic and military developments in 1938 which culminated in the world crisis of 1939. The files of the State Department are being checked as to which were actually confidential or otherwise restricted). The HCUA on December 14, 1948, made available to the FBI for examination, the five rolls of film which Chambers had given them. (These were found to contain photographs of what appear to be 58 pages of actual State Department documents of a like nature and blurred photographs of 79 pages of Navy Department correspondence and designs dealing with radio, airplane and other technical equipment).

According to Chambers the undeveloped film contained photographs of original documents that had come from the State Department and the Bureau of Standards. He said the bulk of the documents from the State Department had been turned over to him by Alger Hiss. He said that the others were possibly turned over to him by Henry Julian Wadleigh.

Chambers also declared that the documents presented by him at the deposition mentioned above had been turned over to him by Alger Hiss during the latter part of 1937 and the first part of 1938 as indicated by the dates on the documents. These documents he said had been given to him for delivery to a Colonel Bykov who had been previously introduced to Alger Hiss at which time Hiss agreed to furnish the documents from the State Department to Chambers for transmittal to Bykov. Chambers said that Alger Hiss was well aware that Colonel Bykov was the head of the Soviet underground organization. He said that it was possible that some of the 65 documents presented at his deposition had been photographed and that copies of the photographs had been turned over to Colonel Bykov. Chambers stated he did not destroy the documents because he was preparing to quit the Communist Party in about April, 1938. Chambers said that some of the documents supplied by Hiss were copied on a typewriter in Alger Hiss' own home by Hiss or his wife and then turned over to Chambers. In other instances, the original documents from the State Department were turned over to Chambers by Hiss and taken by him in most instances to photographers to be copied, the original documents then being returned to Alger Hiss on the same night in order to be returned by him to the State Department. One of these photographers was a Baltimorean named Felix, and it was Chambers' usual procedure to obtain documents from Alger Hiss and then meet Felix at some prearranged place either in Baltimore or Washington at which time he would give the documents to Felix for photographing. Felix would then return the documents to Chambers who would in turn give them back to Hiss. At a later date Felix would turn over the developed or undeveloped film which had been exposed and Chambers would deliver it to Colonel Bykov. He said that Alger Hiss was aware of the fact that the documents were being photographed for delivery to Colonel Bykov. Another photographer who was occasionally utilized in this manner was a man named David Carpenter, also of Baltimore.

As for Colonel Bykov, Chambers said that General Walter Krivitsky had said that he was with the 4th Section of the Red Army Intelligence. Chambers stated that J. Peters (Alexander Stevens) who had introduced him to Colonel Bykov at the end of 1936 or the first part of 1937 had appeared to be considerably disturbed because Bykov wanted to work his way into the American Communist Party's underground apparatus in Washington, D. C., as it would mean apparently, that Peters would ultimately lose control of this apparatus. However, he said that Peters was not able to do anything about it and Bykov began pressing for information about the personnel of the apparatus and requested that he meet some of them.

The first person that Bykov met in the apparatus was Alger Hiss. In the spring of 1937, Chambers said he arranged a meeting between Hiss and Colonel Bykov on the mezzanine floor of a theater in Brooklyn, New York. Chambers said similar meetings were arranged in Brooklyn between Bykov and other members of the apparatus such as Henry Collins, George Silverman, and Harry Dexter White. Bykov, according to Chambers, wanted to observe individuals he met in this manner to discuss present and future work for him with them and possibly also to check up on Chambers.

When Hiss met Bykov the latter raised the question of procuring documents from the State Department and Alger Hiss agreed to do so. Following this meeting Alger Hiss began to supply a constant flow of material from the State Department such as the documents presented by Chambers at his pretrial deposition on November 17, 1948. Chambers said that he had never described the existence of the documents he presented at the pretrial deposition with anyone else nor had he told any other Government agency at the time about their existence.

Chambers on this occasion declared that in testifying to various Government agencies over the past ten years he had been influenced by two principles. The first was to stop "the Communist conspiracy", the second was to try to preserve the human elements involved and for this reason he had not previously mentioned the procuring and passing of any documents. (report of SA Frank G. Johnston, 12-4-48, Baltimore)

(Nathan I. Levine of 960 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, New York, with law offices at 152 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y., acknowledged on December 15, 1948, to Special Agents of the FBI that he is the nephew of Ester Shemetz Chambers, the wife of Whittaker Chambers. At that time he subsequently collaborated the earlier explanation of Chambers of the manner in which Chambers had turned over a sealed envelope to him in 1938 or 1939, hidden by Levine and eventually reclaimed by Chambers. Levine insisted, however, that the envelope had always remained sealed while in his charge and that his only knowledge of the contents thereof came from watching Chambers opening the envelope immediately after he had given it back to Chambers.)

(report of SA Joseph M. Kelly, 12-23-48, N. Y.)

Chambers furnished another signed statement to the Special Agents of the FBI in New York City on December 8, 1948. On this occasion Chambers said that in connection with providing money or gifts to the various people who turned over information to him he wished to state that no one as far as he knows has been given any money for the services they rendered. However, he did recall that probably at the end of 1936, Colonel Bykov in one of his conversations with Chambers suggested that it might be a good idea to give Alger Hiss, Harry Dexter White and A. George Silverman a gift of some kind. After some discussion, Bykov thought it might be advisable to present each of them with an expensive rug. Chambers said that he did not favor the idea but Bykov became somewhat insistent and as a result Chambers arranged for the purchase of three oriental rugs following inquiry made of an Armenian rug dealer in New York City. He said that Bykov furnished him with the money to buy these rugs which cost approximately \$200. each and that as he recalled it the three rugs were sent by the Armenian rug dealer via American Railway Express to the home of A. George Silverman in Washington, D. C.

Prior to the delivery of the rugs to Washington, Chambers said that he had informed Hiss, White, and Silverman that they were going to be presented with gifts as a token of gratitude for their activities for the American Communists. He said that White and Silverman appeared pleased with the fact that they were going to receive such a gift. Hiss, however, was more polite than pleased when he received his. It was Chambers' recollection that the rugs were delivered to Silverman's home because of the latter's close association with White and that Silverman delivered White's rug. The rug intended for Alger Hiss, as Chambers remembers, was brought by Silverman in his car one evening to a predesignated point, a restaurant on Route 1 about three or four miles east of College Park, Maryland. Chambers said he accompanied Hiss in the latter's car to that point and upon arriving there he got out of Hiss' car, took the rug from Silverman's automobile and carried it to Hiss' car. (Report of SA Joseph M. Kelly dated 12-23-48 at New York)

(It may be noted that Henry Julian Wadleigh has also admitted receiving an oriental rug from David Carpenter for similar reasons in this connection)

On December 15, 1948, Chambers was reinterviewed at the request of the Special Assistant to the Attorney General Thomas J. Donegan for the purpose of ascertaining his specific knowledge, if any, of the typewriter in the Hiss household together with the related facts concerning the transmission of documents by Hiss to Chambers. Chambers declared that he had never seen Priscilla Hiss operate a typewriter, that his "understanding" that she was making typewritten copies of State Department documents for transmission to Chambers came from Hiss and his wife and that he recalls no direct statement by either concerning such copying. Chambers said he is "quite sure" that he never had occasion to borrow a typewriter from either Alger or Priscilla Hiss and it is his present recollection that he himself did not own a typewriter during the period he was associated with Hiss and his wife. He did point out, however, that there was in his possession for part of that time a typewriter which had been given to him probably by J. Peters for use in connection with his work in the apparatus. Chambers said that he is positive that this machine was a portable typewriter and that it may have been a Remington. He mentioned that it may have been Colonel Bykov who furnished him with this machine but believed it came from J. Peters and that he ultimately disposed of it by abandoning it in a public elevator or public conveyance at a time and place he did not remember. Chambers believed that he got rid of the machine after leaving the Communist Party in April, 1938 but said that this is only a conclusion and not a definite recollection.

Chambers declared that he could best approximate the dates of various meetings with Alger Hiss by recalling that his last conversation with Hiss prior to the HCUA hearings in 1948 occurred in December, 1938, at which time he saw Hiss at the latter's residence on Volta Place in Washington and pleaded with Hiss to break with the Party as he himself had done eight months before. Chambers said that he fixed the date of this final meeting by remembering that Hiss asked him what kind of a Christmas his family was going to have and that Hiss gave him a small wooden rolling pin as a Christmas gift for Chambers' daughter. It is Chambers' best recollection that Hiss moved into his Volta Place residence early in the spring of

1938 and although he has no definite recollection of having met Hiss there prior to the final meeting he feels he must have gone to see Hiss at the Volta Place address, basing this on his wife's recollection. He said meetings with Hiss in 1937 were frequent, and usually took place at the 30th Street house which Hiss occupied at that time. In explaining the exact method employed by Hiss and himself with respect to the documentary material being handled, Chambers stated that he would see Hiss usually at the end of the week and receive from him whatever material Hiss had obtained during the week. He said it was the practice of Hiss to extract each day certain material from the State Department, take it to his home where it would be copied on the typewriter, and return the original document to the Department the next day. Chambers would then take the typewritten copies of such material to Carpenter who would photograph this material. Chambers would turn over the microfilm thus produced to Colonel Bykov and would destroy the typewritten material.

With respect to the four small sheets containing the handwriting of Alger Hiss which are referred to above, Chambers explained that at the time he would make his weekly visit to Hiss' home some material might be in the form of handwritten notes which had not yet been copied on the typewriter. Rather than wait for this material to be typed, Chambers would take these penciled notes along with the typewritten material. However, Chambers stated that to the best of his present recollection all of the written information he gave to Colonel Bykov was on film and never was it the original documents or typed copies.

With respect to his reason for having in his possession in November, 1948, 65 typewritten sheets furnished him by Alger Hiss, Chambers explained that they were the last documents given him by Hiss and that shortly prior to the time he began receiving this particular group of documents he had already made up his mind to break away from the Communist Party and had decided to retain them for further use in the event it became necessary to have documentary proof that, in fact, not only Alger Hiss but the Communist Party was involved in espionage against the United States. Chambers made the observation that in all probability the 65 sheets of typewritten material referred to had been photographed in the usual manner and that the film developed had been delivered by him to Bykov.

With respect to the rolls of microfilm that were seized by the HCUA on December 2, 1948, at the Chambers' farm, (where they had been hidden in a pumpkin), Chambers explained that in all probability this was photographed material, the microfilm for which he had received at about the time he had definitely decided to leave the Communist Party and for that reason had not turned it over to Bykov. (New York report of SA Joseph M. Kelly of December 23, 1948)

Chambers was interviewed on December 31, 1948, by Mr. Ray Whearty of the Department of Justice and a Special Agent of the FBI in Mr. Whearty's Office. On this occasion Chambers furnished additional details concerning his espionage operations and again referred to Boris Bykov to whom he said he had been introduced by J. Peters. He repeated his statement that Bykov had met on a single occasion with Alger Hiss as well as with other individuals. Chambers again mentioned the underground group organized by Harold Ware among Government employees in Washington, D.C.

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in the early 1930's mentioning that the primary objective at first was to place Communists in important positions where they had opportunity for advancement in order to formulate or influence policies along lines favoring Communist interests. He again mentioned that this group included among others, Alger and Donald Hiss, Henry Collins, John Abt, Charles Kramer, Victor Perlo, Nathan Witt, and Lee Pressman.

Concerning early operations, Chambers recalled that in about 1935 Alger Hiss had furnished him with a set of State Department documents which Hiss had secured through his employment with the Nye (Munitions Investigation) Committee. Chambers said that he photographed these documents himself with a Leica camera supplied by J. Peters. He mentioned that Hiss had been instrumental in taking documents from the State Department furnished to the Committee in the usual course of business and observed that a man named Greene, a former professor of History at Princeton University who was then in the State Department, had unwittingly supplied these documents but subsequently became somewhat suspicious and as a result, the practice was discontinued.

Concerning Harry Dexter White, Chambers recalled that J. Peters had introduced him to George Silverman at an early date and that Silverman in turn had introduced him to White in about 1936. He recalled vividly he said that Harry White was a financial expert who had evolved a fiscal plan for Soviet Russia in which he was greatly interested. Chambers advised that in the summer of 1937 as he recalls, Alger and Priscilla Hiss took Chambers to White's summer home in New Hampshire to discuss this monetary plan with him. He remembered that they stopped the first night in Thomaston, Connecticut, drove to White's home the following day and returned by way of Peterborough, New Hampshire, where they attended the performance of a summer stock company. Chambers also remembered that White's brother from Boston, Massachusetts, was at White's summer place at the time.

Chambers again mentioned that Alger Hiss had conceived the idea that Noel Field would be a good source of information and had made a serious effort to recruit Field only to return to Chambers with the report that Field indicated he was already in a "parallel". Chambers also said he had a vague recollection that Hiss had related having made an effort to recruit Laurence Duggan also and had returned giving the impression that Duggan was already operating. Chambers said he recalls that Noel Field was the best friend of Laurence Duggan and he cannot but believe that Duggan was aware of the activity around him.

Chambers was questioned briefly about Harold Glasser, mentioned above in the allegations of Elizabeth Terrill Bentley. Chambers said that he was not aware that Glasser also furnished Alger Hiss with any information but understood that Glasser was a member of an underground cell. Against this statement is that of Miss Bentley to the effect that Charles Kramer once informed her that Glasser had been stolen from the Perlo Group by Hiss.

As a side light on Hiss, Chambers recalled that Priscilla Hiss had been a very close friend of Marian Bachrach and had continued to see her frequently after being forbidden to do so by the apparatus.

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Following the above interview Chambers on his way out of the Justice Building advised Special Agent Maurice A. Taylor that he was suspicious of William P. Marbury, the Baltimore Attorney who is representing Alger Hiss. Chambers stated that he thought Marbury may have ideological interest in the defense of Hiss which goes further than his ordinary interest as Hiss' counsel. He stated that Marbury had plenty of opportunity to withdraw from the case since the documents were produced but had appeared more interested than ever. He recalled that Marbury had questioned him at great length regarding Helen Ware and the meetings of the underground group in her violin studio at Washington, D. C. Chambers said he concluded that in view of the complete knowledge of Helen Ware evidenced by Marbury he must have been aware of the fact that she was the daughter of Ella Reeve Bloor. (Washington report of SA Maurice A. Taylor, January 4, 1949)

ALGER HISS INTERVIEWED DECEMBER 4, 1948

Alger Hiss furnished a signed statement to Special Agents of the FBI at Baltimore, Maryland on December 4, 1948. In this statement he referred to the 65 pages of typewritten material and four small sheets of paper bearing handwritten material which Chambers had introduced at a pretrial examination on November 17, 1948 in the office of Hiss' attorney, William L. Marbury in Baltimore in connection with the Hiss libel suit against Chambers. Hiss stated that there had been exhibited to him by the interviewing Agents photostatic copies of the documents referred to and that he was satisfied that they were copies of the documents actually produced by Chambers.

Hiss said he had read portions of the court reporter's transcription of the deposition of Chambers and said that according to a part of it, Chambers on November 5, 1948, had been asked whether he had ever obtained any documents from Hiss for transmittal to the Communist Party and Chambers had replied that he had not.

Hiss said that from a cursory examination of the typewritten material mentioned above he would say that they appeared to be authentic copies of U. S. State Department documents, or summaries of such documents, dated approximately from January to March, 1938. He admitted that documents similar to those in question normally passed over his desk during his employment as Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State, the Honorable Francis B. Sayre. He said he had no independent recollection of having seen any of the questioned documents or document summaries while he was employed by the State Department. He said that by and large the documents do not appear to be documents of a very highly confidential nature and would not have been treated in the State Department with any special precautions at that time according to the security regulations then in effect. Hiss said that three of the four handwritten pages appeared to be in his own handwriting. The fourth page, consisting of five handwritten lines, Hiss said may or may not be in his handwriting, but does not look to him as if it were.

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Hiss stated he learned from his attorney and from reading the above-mentioned deposition that Chambers claimed the questioned documents and others like them had been obtained by Hiss from the State Department and that typewritten copies of the larger documents had been made on a typewriter in Hiss' home either by Hiss or his wife, Priscilla. He said he was also aware of Chambers' claim that Hiss would subsequently return such documents to the files of the State Department. He said he was also aware that Chambers alleged that on some occasions Hiss had turned over the actual State Department documents to him, that photographic copies would be made in a manner unknown to Hiss and that these documents would then be returned to Hiss for return to the State Department files.

Hiss denied that any of the above claims of Chambers are true. He also denied that he ever gave the originals of the handwritten documents to Chambers at any time for any purpose whatsoever. Hiss further denied that any of the claims of Chambers concerning a meeting between Colonel Bykov and Hiss are true. He said he had never met, and had never heard of any Russian named Peter or Colonel Bykov until he was told of the testimony given by Chambers.

Hiss did admit that he had a typewriter in his home in Washington during the period from 1936 to some time after 1938, which was an old-fashioned machine and was possibly an Underwood. He said that Mrs. Hiss, although not a typist, had used this machine somewhat as an amateur typist, but that he never recalled having used it. He claimed that Mrs. Hiss disposed of this typewriter to either a secondhand typewriter concern or a secondhand dealer in Washington, D. C. some time subsequent to 1938, the exact date and place being unknown to him. He denied having any knowledge of the present whereabouts of the typewriter, but explained that before it had come into the possession of his immediate family, it had been the property of Thomas Fansler, the father of Mrs. Hiss, who was an insurance agent in Philadelphia until his death in the early 1940's.

On this occasion, Hiss declared that until he met Chambers face to face at a sub-committee hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities on August 17, 1948, in the Hotel Commodore in New York City, he did not know whether he had ever previously met Chambers although he thought that newspaper pictures of him looked somewhat familiar. He acknowledged that when he first appeared before the HCUA on August 5, 1948, he had stated that to the best of his knowledge he had never met Chambers, explaining that at that time it had not occurred to him that Chambers might be "George Crosley." On August 16, 1948, he told a Sub-Committee of the HCUA in Washington that Chambers might be a person previously known to him as "George Crosley." Upon confrontation on August 17, he realized that Chambers and "George Crosley" were one and the same person. He related that he first met Chambers when he, Hiss, was employed

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as Legal Assistant to the Senate Munitions Investigation Committee about December, 1934 or January, 1935. At that time he said Chambers came to his office in the Senate Office building in Washington and stated that he was a free lance magazine writer who desired information for a series of articles on the munitions investigation. Chambers gave him the impression that he was making periodic trips to Washington from New York City where Hiss assumed he lived.

Between the turn of the year 1934-35 and the Spring or Summer of 1936 Chambers contacted him perhaps six or eight times, always for the purpose of obtaining information for his magazine articles or of discussing the problems of munitions investigation. Hiss denied that he ever saw or heard from "Crosley" after the Spring or Summer of 1936 until he was confronted with him at the Sub-Committee hearing mentioned above.

Hiss said that during the period when Chambers periodically got in touch with him, he occasionally borrowed small sums of money from Hiss, totaling \$20 to \$30, obtained \$4 or \$5 at a time. Chambers appeared to be hard-pressed financially and furthermore, during this period sublet Hiss' apartment at 2831 - 28th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. for himself, his wife and child, at \$60 a month. Hiss acknowledged that Chambers and his family spent two or three days on the third floor of his home at 2905 P Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. prior to taking over the apartment which he had just sublet and from which Hiss had just moved. It was Hiss' recollection that Chambers at the time explained that some of his furniture or other possessions had not arrived on time and that he and his family could not, therefore, move into the 28th Street apartment immediately. He said that as far as he knew, Chambers and his family lived in the apartment on 28th Street until the expiration of their lease on July 1, 1935. During the sub-tenancy of the apartment by Chambers, Hiss continued to pay the rent, he said, and Chambers has never reimbursed him for it nor has he repaid the small loans mentioned above. He declared that on one occasion Chambers did give him a rug which Chambers said he had received from a patron of his. Furthermore, while the Chambers family stayed at his house on P Street, Mrs. Chambers painted a portrait of Timothy Hobson, the son of Mrs. Hiss by a former marriage, who was then eight years old.

Hiss claimed to have no clear recollection of the date of his last contact with Chambers but said it probably occurred in the Spring or Summer of 1936 while Hiss was employed as an attorney by the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. However, he said that he does recall the meeting quite well and that on this occasion he told Chambers that he did not think the latter would ever repay the loans he had made to him and that he, Hiss, thought any further contacts should be discontinued. Hiss said he wished to state that Chambers never paid him any funds for any purpose. He said that during the period mentioned above, most of the contacts were made by Chambers either at Hiss' office or for lunch, with the possible exceptions that Chambers may have contacted him on several occasions at Hiss' residences.

In connection with the sublease of the apartment, Hiss said he occasionally lent Chambers his 1929 Ford roadster. Some time after the summer of 1935, when he acquired a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Hiss said he told Chambers that he could have the Ford Roadster, a car which he understood had a trade-in value of \$25. If Chambers used the Ford in the Fall of 1935 or the winter of 1935-36, it must have been only occasionally because, continued Hiss, he recalled it sitting on the streets of Georgetown during a number of months of that winter. He claimed that Chambers took permanent possession of the car under such circumstances some time before May or June, 1936. At that time or before he had turned over the Certificate of Title, he said, to Chambers but has no recollection of the occasion. The Certificate of Title for the Ford, he admitted, bears what appears to be his signature, witnessed under date of July 23, 1936 by Marvin Smith, a notary public, who was also employed in the same office as he was in the Department of Justice. Hiss said he could only assume that the Certificate was brought to him in his office in the Department of Justice by some one who said that he had disposed of the car without completing the legal technicalities required and that he signed it under those circumstances, asking Smith to witness his signature.

Hiss said he had endeavored personally and through counsel and private investigators to locate other persons who knew Chambers as "George Crosley" during the period from the turn of the year 1934 -35 to the Spring or Summer of 1936 but without success. He said he had discovered one person who claimed to know that Chambers at one time had submitted a manuscript to him for publication under the name of "George Crosley" but that that was during a much earlier period, approximately in 1926.

Hiss denied that he is or has ever been a member of the Communist Party or that he has ever attended any Communist Party meetings. Likewise, he denied that he has ever been a member of a Communist Party, espionage apparatus or underground group in Washington or any where else at any time. He said he never saw Chambers at any time in the State Department and knows of no opportunity which Chambers may have had, either in Hiss' State Department office or residence or any other place, to obtain any documents pertaining to State Department business during the period 1937-38 or at any other time.

He said he does not know whether Chambers personally obtained these documents from the State Department or whether he had some confederate who cooperated with him in obtaining these documents. He asserted that Chambers' entire story with respect to the matters outlined above which relate to Hiss is a complete fabrication, except as he had otherwise indicated. He said he does not know what motive Chambers could have for making such accusations against him but thinks that a thorough examination of Chambers' life and personal background might throw some light on the problem. (Source: Baltimore report of SA Frank G. Johnstone of 12/4/48)

In addition to the above remarks which were contained in his signed statement, Hiss further stated that he believes that Chambers is a psychopathic personality and that all of his allegations relating to Hiss are fabrications. Both Hiss and his attorney, William L. Marbury, based their joint belief in this respect on the fact that in 1929 Chambers translated from the German a novel by Franz Werfel entitled "Class Reunion." The story recounted in "Class Reunion" has a striking counterpart in the present Hiss-Chambers controversy and it is evident that Chambers has used some of the exact phraseology in this novel in his testimony before the HCUA, as well as in his pretrial deposition at Baltimore, according to them.

Hiss and Marbury also advanced as a possible reason for Chambers' alleged fabrications involving Hiss that the story was of assistance to Chambers in obtaining his first position with Time Magazine. Hiss stated that Chambers first told the story involving him in about 1939 to Isaac Don Levine, Editor of "Plain Talk," an anti-Communist publication of New York City, but that Levine refused to publish it. Even at that time he pointed out most of the individuals named by Chambers were no longer in the employ of the Government, except Hiss who was advancing as a rather prominent official. Without the name of Hiss in the "expose" such a story would not be sufficiently sensational to attract the attention of Time Magazine, a prospective employer of Chambers at the time.

Hiss' story suggested the possibility that Chambers could have stolen the State Department documents in question himself, instead of having obtained them from Hiss. In support of this theory, Hiss said that his private investigation of Chambers' background had revealed that Chambers was possibly employed in Washington, D. C. in 1938 on a Railroad Retirement Project sponsored by the WPA and that this project had offices in an old theater building maintained as a storehouse for old Government records, located in the vicinity of the main State Department building. It was the thought of Hiss and Marbury that Chambers may have gained access to the State Department through familiarity with other buildings in the general locality where he was employed.

Hiss and Marbury both stated that they were particularly impressed by the fact that Chambers did not produce the documents involved in this case for patriotic reasons, but only "to save his neck in a libel suit." Hiss and Marbury assured the interviewing Agents of their desire to cooperate with the Government in every way in an effort to ascertain the true facts of this case. (Source: Baltimore report of SA Frank G. Johnstone, dated 12/14/48)

PRISCILLA HISS INTERVIEWED DECEMBER 6 and 7, 1948

Alger Hiss' wife, Priscilla, was interviewed in the presence of her attorney, Edward C. McLean, by Special Agents of the FBI at New York City on December 6, 1948 and furnished a signed statement dated December 7, 1948, covering the substance of her remarks on the previous day. In this statement Mrs. Hiss said that some time in 1935 she met a man named "George Grosley" whom she now believes to have been Whittaker Chambers. She also mentioned that Chambers and his wife lived in a spare room in the Hiss residence at 2905 P Street, N.W. in Washington, D. C. while the Chambers family was waiting to move into the premises at 2831 - 28th Street, N.W. which had been sublet to Chambers by her husband. She said that as far as she knows, no lease was drawn for the subletting of these premises. She also admitted meeting Chambers on several occasions when he called at the Hiss home to visit her husband. She also recalled that Hiss gave a 1929 Ford automobile which he had owned to Chambers. She said that as far as she can remember, she has not seen Chambers since some time in 1936.

Mrs. Hiss denied that her husband ever turned over any Government documents to Chambers in her presence or so far as she knows, at any other time, for the purpose of having them photographed. She said that her husband while employed by the Government occasionally brought work home from his office but that she never personally examined any of this material and has no knowledge of its contents.

Concerning a typewriter which she possessed at one time, Mrs. Hiss said that some time in 1932 or 1933, as far as she can recall, her father, Thomas L. Fansler, who was in the insurance business in Philadelphia, had given her a typewriter which had belonged to him. She said she does not recall whether she had this typewriter while residing in New York City, nor does she recall the make of this machine or how she disposed of it. She said she was not a proficient typist, but did type several things on it, including part of a manuscript for a book which was later published by the Carnegie Corporation. She said she is of the belief that she prepared the rest of this manuscript in long hand. (Extensive investigation has failed to locate this manuscript.)

Mrs. Hiss stated that she has never heard her husband, Alger Hiss, or Chambers discuss any material which had been obtained from the Government or documents which Mr. Hiss may have had in his possession in his official capacity. She said that she has never been acquainted with an individual known as Colonel Bykov whom she understands Chambers claims to have introduced to her husband. She denied that she has ever copied or typed any U. S. Government documents for the purpose of giving them to Chambers. (Source: New York report of SA Joseph M. Kelly, dated 12/23/48)

INTERVIEWS WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS

When Henry Julian Wadleigh was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI on December 6, 1948 at Washington, D. C., he furnished a signed statement in which he gave the details of his activities as a member of the Communist espionage underground in Washington, D. C. in the 1930's while employed in the State Department.

Wadleigh said that during his employment in the Trade Agreement Division of the State Department, one of his colleagues was Alger Hiss who was then Assistant to Francis B. Sayre, Assistant to the Secretary of State, and was sufficiently acquainted with Hiss to know him by his first name. His duties brought him into fairly frequent contact with Hiss and he had occasion to discuss matters of official business with him. His personal contacts outside the office, he said, were confined to one luncheon date.

Wadleigh said that he never went to Hiss' home, nor did Hiss ever come to his. Wadleigh furnished no information which indicated that Hiss had been involved in Communist espionage. (Source: Washington report of SA Lambert G. Zander dated 12/7/48)

Wadleigh was again interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI at New York City on December 14, 1948, at which time he furnished another signed statement. In this statement he declared that when the Federal Grand Jury at New York had questioned him on December 11, 1948, one of the jurors asked him if he possessed a typewriter and if he had ever loaned it to Mrs. Hiss. Wadleigh said that he also affirmed the statement made on that occasion that he had never loaned a typewriter to Mrs. Hiss and added that he never lent one to Mr. Hiss. (Source: New York report of SA Joseph M. Kelly dated 12/23/48)

Mrs. Hede Massing, also known as Hede Gumpertz, was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI on December 7, 1948. At that time Mrs. Massing stated that for approximately one year, or at least for a period of time which included a winter and a summer, she had been endeavoring to persuade Noel Field, a State Department employee, to enter into the intelligence work she was performing on behalf of the Soviets or the Comintern. She stated that she was not certain that she was working for the Soviets nor did she know whether or not Noel Field understood that he was being recruited for the Soviets. However, she said, she is certain that he knew that he was to work in behalf of the Communist International cause. Mrs. Massing stated that she had proposed to Noel Field that he obtain information from the State Department and turn it over to her; she would then see to it that it was turned over to her superior, "Boris," who would send it either to Russia or to a representative of the Comintern. Mrs. Massing explained that she frequently went to Washington.

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and stayed with Field and his wife at their apartment while she was "developing" him.

After about a year, and possibly in the winter of 1935-36, Noel Field told Mrs. Massing that someone else was also attempting to recruit him to do the same work and he did not know just what to do. Mrs. Massing told Field that she would like to meet this individual so that they could come to an understanding, whereupon Field said he would arrange a meeting.

About a week later, according to Mrs. Massing, Field gave a dinner party at his apartment in Washington. She said that Herta Field, Noel's wife, was present, together with Noel, herself and Alger Hiss. She cannot recall whether or not anyone else was present, indicating that there may have been a few others there. However, Mrs. Alger Hiss was not present. Noel Field then told Mrs. Massing that Alger Hiss was the person who was trying to recruit him. He told her this either before, or on the night of the dinner party. Mrs. Massing said that she was impressed by Hiss' good looks, charm, and intelligence, and that they got along very well. Immediately after the dinner and at the first moment when Mrs. Massing and Hiss could get together they had a conversation, which, to the best of Mrs. Massing's recollection, ran as follows:

"Alger Hiss: Well, you are the famous girl who is meddling in my affairs.

Hede Massing: And you are the man who is meddling in my affairs.

Alger Hiss: What is your apparatus?

Hede Massing: I wouldn't ask that question of you. You shouldn't ask it of me!

(They both laughed at this)

Alger Hiss: Well, we'll fight it out to see who gets Noel.

Hede Massing: I'll beat you in this game because I'm a woman.

After this either Hede or Alger said, "What difference does it make who gets Noel, we're both working for the same boss."

Mrs. Massing can not recall whether she made this latter statement or whether Alger Hiss made it. She said that to her the statement meant that they were both working for the same cause, namely the Communist International Movement. Mrs. Massing stated that there was no question in her mind that Hiss was working for some branch of Soviet intelligence or for the Comintern, and was trying to recruit Field to work for him and for a branch which was in competition with her group headed by "Boris."

Mrs. Massing stated that she got along very well with Alger Hiss throughout the evening and that they seemed to agree on everything. After the meeting Mrs. Massing returned to New York where she reported the results of her meeting with Hiss to her superior "Boris." "Boris" was delighted and slapped Mrs. Massing on the back, exclaiming, "Good girl!" He instructed her not to see Hiss in the future. Mrs. Massing stated that she never saw Alger Hiss either before or after this one dinner party at Noel Field's apartment. She stated that she has seen many photographs of Alger Hiss in the newspapers in recent months and that she is certain that it was Alger Hiss she met in Field's apartment, adding that she was probably staying at the Field apartment the night she met him. Mrs. Massing said that she eventually won Field and he "operated" for her group.

Arrangements were made to confront Alger Hiss with Mrs. Massing at the New York Office of the FBI on December 9, 1948. Neither Hiss nor Massing said anything on this occasion. Hiss was requested immediately prior to the confrontation to view Mrs. Massing long enough to satisfy himself with certainty as to whether or not he had ever seen her before. After he observed her for approximately two minutes, he indicated that he had satisfied himself and was, accordingly, escorted from the room. He then declared that he was positive he had never talked with the woman he had just seen at any time or place, that he had no recollection whatsoever of ever having met her and that the only qualification he would make in his denial of acquaintanceship or introduction to her was that it was barely possible that he might have been casually introduced to her at a large affair where hundreds of people might have been present and he might have been introduced briefly to a great number of persons. He declared that this contingency was an exceedingly remote possibility.

On the following day a second confrontation of Hiss with Mrs. Massing was arranged and on this occasion he was accompanied by his attorney, Edward C. McLean. This meeting lasted approximately 15 minutes, during which time Mrs. Massing attempted, by giving her recollection of the conversation reported above between herself and Hiss, to refresh his recollection. She stated, for instance,

that she recalled definitely that this conversation took place at the home of Noel Field in Washington, that Field and his wife were present, that Alger Hiss was not accompanied by his wife, and that there may have been a few other persons present. She pointed out to Hiss that she remembered their private conversation apart from the others immediately after dinner.

Hiss, however, insisted that Mrs. Massing was surely mistaken in her identification of him as the man with whom she conversed on that occasion and very pleasantly thanked Mrs. Massing for attempting to "help."

After leaving the room where the above-described confrontation took place, Hiss expressed complete amazement that this woman would be so positive of her recollection of an event which he was equally positive never took place.

(Source: New York report of Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly dated 12/23/48.)

When the late Laurence H. Duggan was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI at New York City, on December 10, 1948, he declared that he was unable to recall clearly any one named Hede Gumpertz, but acknowledged that he had possibly met her through Noel Field or Rodney Dutch, a newspaper man who had worked in Washington but who has since died. Duggan stated that if he had ever been recruited by Hede Gumpertz then he never recognized it and denied that he had ever gone to see her superior, stating that he never went to see anyone at her request.

Concerning Alger Hiss, Duggan stated that he first met him in Washington, D. C. probably around 1934 at which time Hiss was employed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. He mentioned that later, probably around 1936, Hiss came to the State Department where he worked in the Trade Agreements Section and later in the Far Eastern Section. Duggan said that he and Hiss never worked in the same section of the State Department. He added that his friendship with Hiss was very casual and that they saw each other but once or twice a year, usually at social functions. He added that he did not know Hiss' political philosophy but was of the opinion that Hiss was a thoroughly loyal American. He added that he was surprised to hear of the charges made by

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Chambers against Alger Hiss as nothing had ever come to his attention which would indicate that Hiss was a Communist or was engaged in espionage while employed in the State Department. He declared that Alger Hiss had never approached him at any time to do anything in behalf of the Soviets or of the Communist International.

Duggan also said that he knew Alger Hiss' brother, Donald Hiss, and felt the same about Donald as he did about Alger, stating that nothing had ever come to his attention concerning Donald which would indicate that he was a Communist or had been engaged in espionage. He further stated that Donald Hiss likewise had never approached him to work in the interests of the Soviet Union or the Communist International.

Duggan related that he believed Alger Hiss and Noel Field were acquainted and that it was his impression that they had known each other prior to 1936 and had become more friendly thereafter. Duggan said that so far as he could recall he had never attended a dinner party at which Alger Hiss and Noel Field were present and could not remember ever having seen them together.

Alexander Gregory-Graff Barmine is a former Russian diplomatic officer who defected from the Russians in 1937 in Athens, Greece and subsequently came to the United States where he became a citizen and is presently employed by the Russian Section of the Voice of America Division of the State Department.

On October 22, 1946 Fred B. Lyon, of the State Department, called the FBI and advised that he understood that Barmine reportedly had told some one that he, Barmine, had seen a list of foreign agents of the Soviets and that Alger Hiss' name was on this list.

As a result, Barmine was immediately interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI at New York City. He, however, claimed to be unaware of the identity of any actual Soviet agents in the United States and furnished no information concerning Hiss. He was given ample opportunity to mention having seen such a list as was reported, tho he was not directly questioned on the matter.
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On December 14, 1948 Barmine was again interviewed and specifically questioned concerning the possibility of his ever having seen the list referred to and in regard to his knowledge of Alger Hiss. Barmine denied that he had ever seen such a list or that he had ever seen the name of Alger Hiss on such a list. He did say that he had heard Alger Hiss referred to as being an agent of

the Soviet Military Intelligence. In explanation of this, he said that in the early part of 1938 after his own defection from the Soviet Diplomatic Service he had visited Walter Krivitsky at the latter's hotel in Paris, France. Krivitsky had recently defected from the Soviet Intelligence Service and Barmine claimed that his visit to him was at the instigation of some mutual friends in the Socialist Party of France. Barmine said he was very suspicious of Krivitsky's defection and thought that he might, in fact, be a GPU Agent who was searching for Barmine in an attempt to kill him or return him to Russia. In an attempt to establish the reliability of the man, Barmine said he asked Krivitsky to supply him with the names of certain people in Moscow who should be known to him if he had been in the military intelligence. Krivitsky complied by naming a number of individuals, none of whom Barmine is able to recall at the present time.

Barmine, still uncertain, then asked Krivitsky to name some of the individuals who were working for the Soviet Military Intelligence in America. According to Barmine, Krivitsky then named about ten persons, including Alger Hiss, George Mink and Harry Dexter White. Barmine said he could not remember the names of the others mentioned by Krivitsky. He claimed that Krivitsky gave no further explanation of this allegation and said that he had no further discussion along these lines with Krivitsky, either in France or the United States.

Barmine also recalled one other incident involving the name of Alger Hiss. He placed this as being some time in 1945 or 1946 and said that on this occasion he dined in the home of a couple, whose names he could not remember but who lived in Westchester County, New York. After dinner a discussion developed concerning the number of Communists working in the U. S. Government. Barmine said that the names of several people were mentioned but that the only one he specifically recalled was that of Alger Hiss. The latter, according to Barmine, was referred to by his acquaintances as being a Communist, and it was his recollection that they had described him as being Chief Counsel in the State Department. (New York report of Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly, dated 12/23/48, pages 88 and 89)

Louis F. Budenz, Assistant Professor at Fordham University and formerly Managing Editor of the Daily Worker, was interviewed in December, 1948 concerning Alger Hiss. He advised that he had never met Alger Hiss, but understood that he was a member of the Communist Party connected with the Washington group. Budenz stated that he could not place the date when he first heard of Hiss as a Party member. He added that he can recall two instances when Hiss was mentioned in a discussion by Party members. The first discussion

took place during the Hitler-Stalin Pact at the National Headquarters of the Communist Party. Budenz, Roy Hudson and Robert Minor were present and possibly others. They were discussing an attack on the Daily Worker and someone mentioned that Nathan Witt and Lee Pressman could not be too helpful because they were under attack at the time. Alger Hiss was then mentioned as someone who would be helpful and who was a good Comrade.

The second discussion recalled by Budenz took place in Jack Stachel's office some time in 1945, on which occasion there were present: Stachel, Budenz, Eugene Dennis and possibly Charles Krumbein. The subject of discussion on this occasion was the Amerasia Case. Dennis stated that Lieutenant Andrew Roth had suggested that Alger Hiss should be used to quash the case.

Budenz stated that he had furnished the above information to the HCUA in Executive Session. He said he did not know whether or not Priscilla Hiss or Donald Hiss were members of the Communist Party.

In addition to the above information, Budenz had mentioned in a previous interview on August 26, 1948 that during the Hitler-Stalin Pact Eugene Dennis had contacted him at the Daily Worker office and stated that he had a technical difficulty and wanted to know if Budenz felt that Howard Hunter in Washington would help him. Dennis continued that he did not wish to contact Alger Hiss since Hiss was under a cloud at the time. Budenz said it was his understanding that the technical difficulty mentioned by Dennis referred to Dennis' use of a fraudulent passport in the past. (Source: N.Y. report of SA Joseph M. Kelly, dated 12/23/48, page 91)

Max Yergen, a former leader in Negro Communist circles in New York who recently left the Communist Party and has become openly hostile to it, was interviewed at New York City on December 20, 1948. Yergen advised that he first saw Alger Hiss in April, 1945 at the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations at which time he believed Hiss was acting as Secretary to Edward R. Stettinius. He advised that he did not know whether or not Hiss is connected with the Communist Party, nor does he know the background of Alger Hiss. (It should be noted that according to George Hewitt, mentioned below, Yergen had information concerning Hiss.)

Yergen did advise that in the Fall of 1946, Paul Robeson brought into his office at the Council of African Affairs a woman named Kleiner (phonetic) who said at the time that she was the sister-in-law of Alger Hiss. Robeson recommended her for employment and she was employed from September, 1946 to early 1947 as a representative of the Council of African Affairs, reporting on the daily activities of the United Nations at the United Nations Meetings. Yergen, however, said he had no information which would indicate that she was a Communist.

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George Hewitt was interviewed on December 20, 1948 at New York City. He advised that he met Alger Hiss in 1937 or 1938 at a Party meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss the Negro question and the Communist Party infiltration of the West Indies. According to Hewitt, this meeting took place in an apartment house near West 21st Street in New York City and was attended by J. Peters, Rose Wortis, Jack Stachel, Ted Bassett, Max Steinberg, Bill Lawrence and the two Hiss brothers, Alger and Donald.

Hewitt further said that he met both Alger and Donald Hiss on one occasion in Washington about 1940, on the occasion of an organizational meeting of the National Negro Congress held in the rear of one of the Congress Halls on Pennsylvania Avenue. He said 35 or 40 others were present, including Max Yergen, James W. Ford, Rose Wortis, Max Steinberg and Bob Campbell. (In this connection, Yergen advised that he does not recall being at this meeting.) Hewitt stated that Alger Hiss left the meeting after a very short time. He said he did not know either Alger or Donald and has never spoken to them. He indicated that he thought they were "CI Agents;" that is, International Agents of the Communist Party whose duty it is to observe at such meetings and to report back to Moscow.

Following the interview Hewitt was taken to the vicinity of West 21st Street in an attempt to locate the apartment house mentioned by him. He advised that the apartment house at 8 West 16th Street is the building which he believes was the one where the meeting he described had been held and pointed out Apartment F-35 as the one in which the meeting took place. (Further inquiry is being made concerning this development.)

Marc Catudal, Advisor, Division of Commercial Policy, Department of State, was interviewed in December, 1948 at Washington, D. C. with respect to Henry Julian Wadleigh. Catudal said that he was acquainted with Alger Hiss during the period 1936 and that Wadleigh also knew Hiss but stated that the nature of the official business in the Division of Trade Agreements made it necessary for all three of them, Hiss as a superior, and Wadleigh and Catudal, to have some professional relations with each other. However, Catudal added that he never knew of Hiss' association with Wadleigh to be anything more than an office relationship and that it was his impression that Hiss and Wadleigh were not social acquaintances. Catudal advised that there had never been anything of a personal nature or in connection with official matters that ever led him to consider either Wadleigh or Hiss anything but loyal Americans.

Woodbury Willoughby, Chief of the Commercial Policy Division of the Department of State, upon being interviewed at Washington, D. C. in December,

1948, regarding Wadleigh declared that he could think of nothing on the part of Wadleigh or Hiss which might indicate any inclination toward a sympathy with a foreign country.

Willoughby, who explained that he had worked with Wadleigh in the State Department in 1936 and again from August, 1937 to August, 1939, in the Division of Trade Agreements, said that he was certain that there may have been some official contacts between Hiss and Wadleigh, as Wadleigh had helped draft speeches for Lynn R. Edminster and for Francis Sayre. However, according to Willoughby, he was never aware that Wadleigh and Hiss were friendly or that they were social acquaintances. (Source: Report of SA Alexander W. Neale, dated 12-27-48, pages 5, 6 and 7)

In the signed statement furnished by Chambers on December 3, 1948, to Special Agents of the FBI at Baltimore, he claimed that one of the photographers who photographed the documents which Alger Hiss and others employed by the United States Government had furnished to him was an individual whom he knew only as, "Felix."

On December 19, 1948, FBI Agents together with Chambers toured about in a section of Baltimore, Maryland, in an effort to locate a house where the latter believed "Felix" had once lived. The search was narrowed to the 2100 block of three streets and by a check of various directories for the pertinent period of 1937-38, it was determined that Felix August Inslerman had lived at that time at 2113 Callow Avenue. (Through further investigation a photograph of Inslerman was obtained and identified by Chambers as that of "Felix"). It was also determined that Inslerman has more recently been employed by the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York. (Baltimore Report of Frank G. Johnstone 12-23-48)

When interviewed on December 23, 1948, by Special Agents of the FBI, Inslerman denied in a signed statement knowing Chambers or that he had ever taken any photographs or microfilm for Chambers. Inslerman also declared upon being shown photographs of Alger Hiss, Franklin Victor Reno, Patrick Whelen, Bernard Weinkrantz and Henry J. Wadleigh, that as far as he can recall, he has never met any of them.

Inslerman's statement in general expressed a denial that he had ever engaged in any type of espionage work or had ever been a member of the Communist Party. (Report of SA Francis D. O'Bryan, 12-30-48, of New York.)

Numerous other individuals both in and out of the Department of State have been interviewed in an effort to throw additional light on the reported espionage activities of Alger Hiss without result.

ALGER HISS INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY, DECEMBER 15, 1948

On December 15, 1948, the Federal Grand Jury at New York City returned a two count indictment against Alger Hiss charging him with violations of Title 18, Section 1621 of United States Code (Perjury Statute).

The first count of the indictment charged that Alger Hiss had testified before the Grand Jury to the effect that neither he nor his wife had ever turned over any documents of the State Department or of any other Government organization or any copies thereof to Whittaker Chambers or to any other unauthorized persons. This testimony, according to the indictment, was untrue in that Hiss in or about the months of February and March, 1938, had furnished to Jay David Whittaker Chambers, who was not then and there a person authorized to receive the same, copies of numerous secret confidential and restricted documents, writings and other papers, the originals of which had been removed and extracted from the possession and custody of the State Department in violation of the United States Code.

The second count charged that although Hiss testified that he had not seen Whittaker Chambers after January 1, 1937, Hiss in fact had seen and conversed with Chambers in or about the months of February and March, 1938, in violation of United States Code. (Report of SA Joseph M. Kelly, 12-23-48, New York, page 93)

CHAMBERS' MICROFILM IDENTIFIED AS MANUFACTURED IN 1937-38.

On December 20, 1948, a Special Agent of the FBI accompanied an investigator of the HCUA to the Eastman Kodak Company at Rochester, New York, and to the Dupont Company's Photo Products Department at Parlin, New Jersey, where the five rolls of film obtained by the HCUA from Chambers on December 2, 1948, were exhibited to company officials in an attempt to determine the date of the film's manufacture.

The following information was ascertained through the Eastman Kodak Company at Rochester, New York:

1. A roll identified as Grand Jury exhibit #48 (Completely filled with messages) was slit from a large roll at the plant during the period from July 1, 1937, to January 1, 1938. This film was described as positive Eastman safety film of 35 mm. size.

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2. Another roll of film (Grand Jury exhibit #49) was slit from a large roll during the period from January 1, 1937, to July 1, 1937, at the same plant. This roll is also completely filled with messages.

3. Grand Jury exhibit #50 is a roll of film which has been light struck and contains no messages. It could not be identified as an Eastman product.

4. A fourth roll of film known as Grand Jury exhibit #51 contains some messages. It was identified as 35mm. positive Eastman safety film, but its date of manufacture could not be determined as the film is too fogged in the area where the manufacturer's code symbols are located. Officials of the Eastman Company advised that by chemical analysis it could very probably be determined whether this roll was used in March, 1939, or thereafter.

The fifth roll of film (Grand Jury exhibit #47) was exhibited to officials of the Photo Products Department of the Dupont Company at Parlin, New Jersey. They advised that the film is 35mm. positive Dupont nitrate film which was manufactured in that plant in December, 1936, or in June, 1944. They advised that they do not know which of these two is the actual date since the identifying code appearing on this roll of film was used in both December, 1936, and in June, 1944. It was indicated, however, that because of the grain of the film, it was believed to have been manufactured more probably in December, 1936. (Report of SA Robert K. McQueen dated 12-23-48, Washington Field.)

FBI LABORATORY IDENTIFICATION OF CHAMBERS' DOCUMENTS

As a result of examinations conducted by the FBI Laboratory, the following documents have been identified by it as having been typed on the same machine which was used to type 64 of the documents which Chambers alleges were given to him by Alger Hiss and which were submitted by Chambers at the time of his pre-trial deposition at Baltimore, Maryland, on November 17, 1948: (Memo to D.M. Ladd from H.B. Fletcher 12-18-48) (The machine is believed to be a Woodstock typewriter.)

1. A letter addressed to Miss Emma Hillings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, postmarked December 6, 1931, beginning "Dr. Peltz, my physician ..." This letter was signed "Daisy Fansler" (sister of Mrs. Alger Hiss). It was obtained from the Free Library of Philadelphia. This letter contains an explanation of an absence of Miss Fansler from her employment which was necessitated by her illness. (Report of SA James L. Kirkland, Philadelphia, dated 12-17-48, page 7)

2. A two page letter addressed to Walter L. Tibbetts, Boston, Massachusetts, dated January 30, 1933, which begins, "On reading over my

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policy last week..." This letter, which is unsigned and was never mailed, relates to an insurance policy allegedly issued to Alger Hiss. The original of this letter was furnished to the FBI at New York by Edward C. McLean, attorney for Alger Hiss, on December 10, 1948. Mr. McLean had previously furnished the FBI with a carbon copy of this letter, advising that he had obtained it from the papers of Mr. Hiss but was unable to state whether Hiss or his wife had typed the letter. (New York report of SA Joseph M. Kelly, 12-23-48, page 80.)

3. A one page letter addressed to Walter G. Schelter, Assistant Secretary of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, New York, dated February 17, 1933, signed "Alger Hiss." The carbon copy of this letter was furnished to the FBI by Mr. McLean. The original was obtained from the Equitable Life Assurance Society by subpoena. (New York report of SA Joseph M. Kelly, 12-23-48 page 81.)

4. Three pages of typewritten material entitled "Description of Personal Characteristics of Timothy Hobson," bearing the date September 9, 1936. This was apparently an enclosure to a handwritten letter bearing the date September 9, 1936, signed by Alger Hiss. This material was obtained from the Landon School at Bethesda, Maryland, on December 12, 1948. (Memorandum from H.B. Fletcher to D. M. Ladd, 12-28-48.)

5. A letter addressed to W. M. Hillegeist, Director of Admissions, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, dated May 25, 1937. This letter begins "I am sending to your office today..." and is signed by "Priscilla Fansler Hiss. This letter was obtained from the Assistant Registrar's Office of the University of Maryland on December 14, 1948, and deals with an application of Mrs. Hiss for admission to a summer school session at that University. (Baltimore report of SA Frank G. Johnstone, 12-23-48.)

6. Three pages of typewritten material entitled "President's Report for the year 1936-37," which was obtained from the Bryn Mawr Alumni Association at Washington, D. C., on January 7, 1949. This material is believed by Mrs. Abbott of the Association to have been typed by Priscilla Hiss sometime in 1937, when the latter's term as President of the Association expired. (FBI Laboratory report 1-10-49.)

Over 400 typewriting specimens from various sources have been examined by the FBI Laboratory in connection with efforts to locate and identify the typewriter used to type the documents submitted by Chambers. Extensive efforts to establish the present whereabouts of this machine which the FBI Laboratory has reported to be most probably a Woodstock, have to date been unavailing.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ADVISED DECEMBER 13, 1948, RE ALLEGED CLEARANCE OF ALGER HISS BY FBI

A personal and confidential memorandum was furnished to the Attorney General under date of December 13, 1948, in which attention was called to newspaper reports to the effect that the FBI had cleared Alger Hiss while he was employed by the State Department. This memorandum made clear the fact that the FBI never clears or charges anyone, and furthermore that a review of the files of the FBI reflects that the FBI could not have cleared Hiss. It was pointed out that Adolf A. Berle, Jr., then Assistant Secretary of State, had been advised by Chambers in September, 1939, of Alger Hiss' reported activities in the Communist underground in Washington. This memorandum referred to letters and memoranda furnished to the Department of State and which are elsewhere described in this brief. Reference was also made to various occasions upon which the Director of the FBI had personally discussed the Alger Hiss case with officials of the Department of State.

CONFERENCES OF FBI DIRECTOR WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS RE ALGER HISS

On October 11, 1945, the Director of the FBI had a conference with the then Under-Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, in the course of which Mr. Acheson inquired as to whether the Director had any information concerning the identity of the alleged Soviet agent who had been described by Igor Gouzenko as an assistant to Secretary of State Stettinius, but without further details. (This information from Gouzenko, a Russian code clerk who disclosed a Soviet spy ring in Canada, was first made available to the FBI on September 10, 1945. It was in turn furnished to Mr. Fred B. Lyon of the State Department by memorandum dated September 24, 1945). The Director advised Mr. Acheson that at that time it had not been possible to establish definitely the identity of this man. In answer to the question as to whether or not the FBI suspected anyone, Mr. Acheson was told that one individual was being considered as a possible suspect, although there was no direct evidence to sustain the suspicion. The Director told Mr. Acheson that this suspect was Alger Hiss, but he did not feel that any accusation could be made since there was no supporting proof for such a charge. Mr. Acheson stated that he would not mention Hiss' name to the Secretary of State since he assumed that the Director might do so in the latter's talk with the Secretary. The Director advised Mr. Acheson that he would not mention Hiss' name to the Secretary of State because of the vagueness of the allegation. (61-3499-181, 172)

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On 11-15-45, the Director of the FBI conferred with the Secretary of State Byrnes at the request of the President in order to discuss the Gregory case which arose out of the allegations of Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, and the Canadian Espionage case. During this conference the Director mentioned the names of a number of individuals who were named by Miss Bentley as being engaged in Soviet espionage. The Director did not mention the name of Alger Hiss to the Secretary on this occasion because he had not been definitely identified. (61-3499-192)

(On March 14, 1946, Mr. Reams, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State Byrnes, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that Alger Hiss was on the Secretary of State's "pending" list and that Hiss was to be given no further consideration for promotion or assignment to responsible duties in the State Department, and that a study should be made of his case to determine if he could be dismissed similarly under Civil Service regulations. Mr. Reams stated that Secretary Byrnes was of the definite opinion that Hiss should be disposed of, but was concerned over the best manner in which this could be accomplished. (101-268-17)

While the Director was discussing other matters with the Attorney General on March 19, 1946, he was advised by the Attorney General that the Secretary of State Byrnes wanted to dismiss Alger Hiss, but had been told that he could not do so without giving him a hearing as a Civil Service employee. At that time the Director declared that he did not think a hearing would be wise since the material available against Hiss was confidential and if not used would leave insufficient evidence against him. The Director expressed the thought that the best thing the Secretary could do, would be to move Hiss to an innocuous position where he would "understand the situation" and resign. The Director also suggested that the Secretary of State might desire to take Senators Connally and Vandenburg into his confidence since they were friends of Hiss and would appreciate the circumstances. The Attorney General indicated that he would call the Secretary of State and mention the above to him. (Memorandum from Director to Messrs. Ladd, Tamm, Tolson and Clegg 3-19-46)

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During a conversation the Director had with the Attorney General on March 20, 1946, the case of Alger Hiss again came up. On this occasion the Attorney General advised the Director that Secretary Byrnes had proposed if the Justice Department agreed, to call Alger Hiss in and inform him that there had been complaints received against him, without disclosing the source to him. The Director suggested to the Attorney General that it seemed to be apparent that when Hiss was questioned, the questions asked would give him some indication as to the nature of the information possessed by the FBI concerning him. The Director pointed out to the Attorney General the possibility that Secretary Byrnes might use the Department of Justice as an alibi, saying that he had called upon the Department of Justice to investigate Hiss, and that following such investigations the Department of Justice had found nothing to warrant the dismissal of Hiss. The Director called attention to the fact that this would put the Justice Department in an awkward position and would be subjected to possible future criticism.)

On the same day, March 20, 1946, the Director returned a call of Secretary of State Byrnes and told him that he, the Director, understood the position Secretary Byrnes was in with respect to the Hiss case, but suggested in view of the fact that any interview with Hiss at that time would alert him and ruin any important espionage investigation, he contact several key men in the House and Senate and explain his predicament to them, pointing out that he, the Secretary, wanted their help in avoiding any criticism from "the Hill." Secretary Byrnes stated he thought this might be a solution to the problem and said he would call some of these men. The Director subsequently advised the Attorney General of this conversation with Secretary Byrnes. The Attorney General thereupon expressed his agreement with the proposal made by the Director. (Memorandum from Director to Tolson, Tamm and Ladd 3-20-46)

On March 21, 1946, Secretary Byrnes again contacted the Director concerning the Hiss case. The Secretary stated that he had called Hiss in and asked him if he was ever a member of any organization which had subversive tendencies. Hiss swore that he had never been a member of any such organization and it was decided that he be referred to the FBI for interview by an FBI official. The Director told Secretary Byrnes that instructions had been left with Assistant Director D. M. Ladd, to the effect that if Hiss wanted to come

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over and talk to the FBI, it would be perfectly agreeable, but that there were some questions which would not be asked because they might disclose information on current cases. The Director then told the Secretary that if Hiss wanted to make any statement or relate anything about his associations that he might surmise would place him under suspicion, the FBI would be very glad to listen to him. The Secretary stated that he wished the FBI would do so. The above conversation was outlined by the Director to the Attorney General on the same day and it was pointed out that when Hiss came to the FBI, he would do the talking and the FBI would do the listening. (Memorandum of Director to Tolson, Tamm and Ladd 3-21-46)

The interview with Alger Hiss which resulted from the above arrangement is mentioned in further detail on pages 5 and 6 of this brief.

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This brief covers developments in this case in so far as it concerns Alger Hiss, up to January 24, 1949. Any additional information that may be developed will be included together with the above in a brief currently being prepared on the Whittaker Chambers case as a whole.

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IN REGARD TO ANY THIRTYFIVE MM. CAMERAS THAT CHAMBERS HAS OR FORMERLY HAD. ADVISE
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You will recall that Felix August Inslerman has been identified as "Felix" who was one of the photographers for Chambers' underground apparatus. You may further recall that Inslerman has been uncooperative when interviewed and at various times when he has appeared before the Grand Jury in New York City.

A 35 mm Leica camera was found in Inslerman's possession which was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination. The FBI Laboratory has recently had access to the pumpkin microfilm from the House Un-American Activities Committee for comparison with Inslerman's Leica camera.

The FBI Laboratory has concluded that two rolls of the pumpkin microfilm were exposed with Inslerman's Leica camera. These rolls have been described in previous Laboratory reports as Grand Jury exhibits 47 and 48.

The FBI Laboratory report concerning the above will be made available by our New York Office to Mr. T. J. Donagan in New York City.

CC - Assistant Attorney General Alexander H. Campbell
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Dear Sir:

Re: JAHAM
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Re Washington Field letter to the Director dated
February 23, 1949.

The records of the U. S. Indian Service, Minneapolis,
Minnesota, reflect that DANIEL MURPHY of that office can be reached
in care of Mr. HARRY W. GILMORE at Post Office Box #746, Riverside,
California.

For the information of the San Diego Office, there is
enclosed herewith a copy of reference letter. The San Diego Office
should immediately interview DANIEL MURPHY at the above address in
accordance with the instructions contained in reference letter.

Very truly yours,

M. B. RHODES
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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R, INTERNAL SECURITY R. RENTEL FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST. NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE SHOULD HOLD IN ABEYANCE INTERVIEWS WITH DOCTORS MENTIONED THEREIN WHO HAVE EXAMINED CHAMBERS.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION FOR SUCH INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN, IF BELIEVED PERTINENT, AT A LATER DATE.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. DURING RECENT INTERVIEW WITH CHAMBERS HE WAS ASKED IF HE HAD EVER RECEIVED TREATMENT OR HAD BEEN IN A MENTAL INSTITUTION. HE ANSWERED, "EMPHATICALLY NO". HE EXPLAINED THAT POSSIBLY THROUGH HIS USE OF NAME LLOYD CANTWELL, HE WAS BEING CONFUSED WITH ANOTHER FORMER TIME MAGAZINE EMPLOYEE BY NAME OF ROBERT CANTWELL. LATTER DESCRIBED BY CHAMBERS AS FRIEND AND "FELLOW TRAVELER". BELIEVES HE MET CANTWELL THROUGH FRANKLIN SPIER AND HAS KNOWN CANTWELL SINCE NINETEEN THIRTYTWO. CANTWELL EMPLOYED BY TIME MAGAZINE BEGINNING NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE OR NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR AS BOOK REVIEWER AND HELD THIS POSITION UNTIL APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN THIRTYNINE WHEN POSITION TAKEN OVER BY CHAMBERS. STATES ROBERT CANTWELL HELPED HIM AT THE TIME OF HIS BREAK FROM COMMUNIST PARTY AND STATES LATTER RETAINED COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATIONS UNTIL TIME OF RUSSIAN GERMAN PACT. AT THAT TIME HE WROTE SOMEWHAT ANTI-MARXIST ARTICLE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER ROBERT CANTWELL HAD NERVOUS BREAKDOWN RESULTING IN CONFINEMENT, BLOOMINGDALE-S SANATORIUM,

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WHITE PLAINS, NY. WAS THERE FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME BUT WAS
FINALLY REMOVED BY WIFE BETSY CANTWELL PRESENTLY BELIEVED TO BE
RESIDING SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT IN HOME PURCHASED BY FUNDS FURNISHED
CANTWELL AT TIME OF RELEASE BY TIME ORGANIZATION. CHAMBERS HAS NOT
SEEN CANTWELL FOR SOMETIME BUT LATTER RECENTLY MADE TELEPHONIC RE-
QUEST OF CHAMBERS FOR LATTER TO ENDORSE ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR LOAN.
CHAMBERS AGREED TO DO THIS IF ADVISED OF FURTHER DETAILS. HAS NOT
HEARD FROM CANTWELL SINCE. BELIEVES CONFUSION IN IDENTITY ORIGI-
NATED IN INDIVIDUAL WILLIAM WALTON. BASIS THIS IMPRESSION ON FACT
ALGER HISS IN HUAC HEARINGS ATTRIBUTED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THIS INFOR-
MATION TO WALTON. STATES WALTON FORMER TIME CORRESPONDENT IN EUROPE.
DURING WAR CABLED ARTICLE CONCERNING CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO TIME WHICH
CHAMBERS AS FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR REFUSED TO USE. ON RETURN TO UNITED
STATES WALTON BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH MAGAZINE THE NEW REPUBLIC.
CHAMBERS BELIEVES WALTON PROBABLY COGNIZANT OF ROBERT CANTWELL-S
MENTAL CONDITION AND HAS ERRONEOUSLY CREDITED IT TO CHAMBERS. RE
OWN PHYSICAL CONDITION, CHAMBERS STATES HAS SUFFERED SEVERAL ATTACKS
BELIEVED TO BE HEART ATTACKS. FIRST OF THESE OCCURRED IN NINETEEN
FORTYTWO AND BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN OCCASIONED BY OVERWORK AT TIME
MAGAZINE. CHAMBERS TREATED AT THIS TIME BY DR. ELIZABETH REESE
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WILKINS, WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND, WHO DIAGNOSED ATTACK AS ANGINA
PECTORIS. AS A RESULT CHAMBERS CONFINED TO BED AND HOME FOR AP-
PROXIMATELY NINE MONTHS. IN LATTER PART OF ILLNESS, DR. WILKINS
TOOK CHAMBERS TO A DR. ~~X~~BRIDGEMAN, CONNECTED JOHNS HOPKINS CLINIC
AND WHOSE OFFICE LOCATED ON ST. PAUL STREET NEAR EAGER, BALTIMORE,
MD. LATTER PHYSICIAN GAVE HIM COMPLETE EXAM AND UNABLE TO FIND
ANY HEART CONDITION. INSTRUCTED CHAMBERS IF HE RETURNED TO TIME
WOULD HAVE FIVE YEARS TO LIVE. CHAMBERS GAVE THIS INFORMATION TO
HENRY LUCE, TIME PUBLISHER, WHO CONTACTED BRIDGEMAN AND WAS TOLD
CHAMBERS COULD RETURN TO TIME AT ONCE. CHAMBERS RETURNED TO EM-
PLOYMENT AT TIME. SOMETIME IN NINETEEN FORTYFIVE HAD ANOTHER ATTACK.
HE FURTHER ADMITTED HE STILL OCCASIONALLY GETS PAINS POSSIBLY AT-
TRIBUTABLE TO THIS CONDITION. HOWEVER, HE HAS NEVER HAD ANY FURTHER
ATTACKS NECESSITATING A DOCTOR-S CARE. HE WAS THOROUGHLY EXAMINED
BY DR. WALSH ~~X~~ DERMOTT AT NY HOSPITAL, NYC. LATTER DOCTOR LIKEWISE
UNABLE TO FIND ANY CARDIAC CONDITION. CHAMBERS WAS ALSO EXAMINED BY
A DOCTOR REPRESENTING A KNOWN INSURANCE FIRM IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
NEVER ADVISED OF RESULT THIS EXAMINATION BUT NEVER RECEIVED ANY IN-
SURANCE. HE WILL DETERMINE FULL TITLE THIS INSURANCE FIRM AND ADVISE
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NY AGENTS. CHAMBERS STATES HE HAS NO OBJECTIONS FOR BUREAU AGENTS TO CONTACT NAMED PHYSICIANS TO OBTAIN FULL INFORMATION RE HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION. CHAMBERS HAS INDICATED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE HISS FORCES WILL ATTEMPT IN SOME WAY TO SHOW THAT HIS CONFINEMENT TO HIS FARM IN MD. FOR A PERIOD OF NINE MONTHS WAS ACTUALLY THE RESULT OF A NERVOUS COLLAPSE RATHER THAN ANGINA PECTORIS AS DIAGNOSIS BY THE EXAMINING PHYSICIAN. IT IS THEREFORE, REQUESTED THAT IN INQUIRIES MADE OF THESE DOCTORS IT BE SPECIFICALLY DETERMINED WHETHER OR NOT THEIR EXAMINATIONS REFLECTED ANY CONDITION OTHER THAN SOME CARDIAC FAILURE. (UNLESS THE BUREAU DIRECTS TO THE CONTRARY, THE BALTIMORE OFFICE SHOULD APPROPRIATELY INTERVIEW DR. WILKINS IN WESTMINSTER, MD. AND DR. BRIDGEMAN IN BALTIMORE, MD. THE NY OFFICE WILL MAKE SIMILAR INQUIRIES OF DR. MC DERMOTT, AND WILL MAKE INQUIRIES RE CANTWELL AT SANATORIUM IN WHITE PLAINS.) THE NEW HAVEN OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO MAKE DISCREET INQUIRY IN SHERMAN, CONN. TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC ADDRESS OF ROBERT CANTWELL. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS PRESENT MENTAL CONDITION SHOULD BE OBTAINED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : F. L. JONES *74*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *74*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
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At 9:40 a.m., 2-15-49, Mr. Vincent Russo of the Department brought to my office Mr. McKillips, Investigator for the HCUA, who had in his possession the "pumpkin" film. I escorted Mr. McKillip to Mr. Harbo's office where he turned over to Mr. Sizoo the film for the desired Laboratory examination.

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J. D. W. CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP-R. CHAMBERS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED NYO AS TO RESULTS OF PRETRIAL DEPOSITION HEARING IN BALTIMORE TODAY. STATED THAT MR. MC LEAN, MR. MARBURY, MR. ALLEN, MR. ROSENWALD WERE THERE REPRESENTING HISS. HIS OWN ATTORNEYS AND MR. WHEARTY OF THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE WERE ALSO PRESENT. CHAMBERS STATED THAT PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE DAY TAKEN UP IN DISCUSSION OF TYPED DOCUMENTS. STATED HE WAS QUESTIONED RE EACH DOCUMENT SEPARATELY AND QUESTIONING TO THE EFFECT WHETHER HE HAD SEEN THE DOCUMENT TYPED, WHETHER IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY HISS, AND WHO WAS PRESENT. STATED THAT TOWARDS THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING THEY HAD BEGUN TO DISCUSS THE MICROFILM DOCUMENTS AND DISCUSSION CONCERNING THESE WILL BE CONTINUED TOMORROW. ADVISED THAT HE WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF "KEITH", THE LOCATION OF THE BALTIMORE APARTMENT AND THE IDENTITY OF THE OCCUPANTS OF THIS APARTMENT. AT FIRST CHAMBERS STATED HE LOOKED TO MR. WHEARTY FOR COUNSEL BUT LATER STATED HE WAS MERELY THERE AS AN OBSERVER. CHAMBERS THEN SOUGHT ADVICE OF HIS OWN ATTORNEYS BUT BEFORE THEY COULD GIVE SUCH THE QUESTIONS WERE BY-PASSED AND HE SUPPLIED NO INFO ON THESE POINTS. STATED HISS REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD CONCLUDE HEARING TOMORROW BUT WOULD PROBABLY ASK FOR ONE ADDITIONAL DAY APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS HENCE. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED AS TO INFO SUPPLIED BY CHAMBERS CONCERNING HEARINGS ON FEB. EIGHTEEN.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS
WILLIAM E. CRANE, S LEICA CAMERA, SERIAL NO. ONE SIX TWO SIX SEVEN
THREE, OBTAINED AND BEING FORWARDED BUREAU. CRANE INTERVIEWED
NEGATIVELY TODAY RE NAMES QUOTE AMUR UNQUOTE, "LENA", DE SVESHNIKOV,
JOHN J. MATWIN, WA. MATVEENKO, ORDNANCE RESEARCH CO., ENGINEERING
MACHINERY CORP., STEPANOV, AND ADDRESSES ELEVEN THIRTYTHREE AND
ELEVEN THIRTYFIVE ~~CEXX~~ NORTH BROADWAY, NYC, MENTIONED IN NY ~~TELEX~~
TEL JAN. TWENTYEIGHT AND WASH TEL FEB. NINE LAST. CRANE ALSO HAD
NO INFO RE TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE MENTIONED BY ASIMOW.
CRANE BELIEVES CHAMBERS MENTIONED THAT CERTAIN SMALL CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICAN CONSULATES WERE INVOLVED, OR COULD POSSIBLY BE
INVOLVED, IN SOVIET ESPIONAGE ON MERCENARY BASIS. CRANE ADVISED
AFTER READING ~~NEWS~~ NEWS ACCOUNTS OF RICHARD SORGE CASE HE
BELIEVES UNKNOWN JAPANESE, ALIAS JOE, WAS ARTIST AND ASSUMES HE IS
IDENTICAL WITH YOTOKU MIYAGI OF SORGE RING WHO DIED IN JAPAN.
POSSIBILITY NOTED ~~TEXX~~ JOE MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH HIDEO NODA, A
MURALIST, MENTIONED BY CHAMBERS AS WORKING IN SHERMAN'S NETWORK IN
JAPAN AND AS HAVING DIED ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT IN TOKYO. CRANE
ALSO BELIEVES FUNDS IN MONEY BEL CARRIED BY HIM TO NYC HAD SOMETHING
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TO DO WITH SETUP OF A NEWS SERVICE AND BELIEVES THE JEWISH PERSON
~~PRESENT~~ PRESENT WITH HIMSELF AND CHAMBERS WHEN MONEY WAS COUNTED
WAS KNOWN AS "PAUL" AND WAS CONNECTED WITH THE NEWS SERVICE. CRANE
STATED ~~SHERMAN~~ ENTERED INTO THIS NEWS ~~SERVICE~~ SERVICE UNDER NAME
OF CHARLES CHASE. HE BELIEVES CHAMBERS TOLD HIM SHERMAN, AS CHASE,
HAD ARRANGED TO SELL ARTICLES TO AN EDITOR OF AMERICAN MERCURY
WHO ALSO HAD CONNECTION WITH NEW YORK PAPER, PROBABLY THE POST.
CRANE UNABLE TO RECALL NAME OF NEWS SERVICE BUT THOUGHT NAME
"AMERICAN FEATURES SYNDICATE" SOUNDED FAMILIAR. POSSIBILITY
EXISTS MAXIM LIEBER MENTIONED BY CHAMBERS IN CONNECTION WITH
AMERICAN FEATURES SYNDICATE AND SHERMAN ~~BY~~ MAY BE "PAUL".
RENYCTEL FEB. ELEVENTH REQUESTING CRANE BE QUESTIONED REGARDING
DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, WAS., ESPECIALLY UNDER NAME DAVID CARPENTER,
CRANE MENTIONED THAT CHAMBERS INTRODUCED HIM IN NYC TO ONE DAVE
SHORTLY AFTER CRANE ARRIVED IN NYC TO WORK FOR CHAMBERS. CRANE
ASSOCIATED WITH DAVE FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR AND HAD SEVERAL ~~MEETINGS~~
~~MEETINGS~~ MEETINGS WITH HIM AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH OCCURRED IN PHILA-
DELPHIA. CRANE CONSIDERED DAVE TO BE A PART OF THE APPARATUS
BUT NEVER UNDERSTOOD HIS FUNCTION IN IT. CRANE DELIVERED ENVELOPE
BELIEVED TO CONTAIN MONEY TO DAVE ON SOME OCCASIONS AND MAY HAVE
DELIVERED MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM DAVE TO EITHER CHAMBERS OR COLONEL
BYKOV. ~~CHAMBERS~~ CHAMBERS TOLD CRANE THAT DAVE SUGGESTED HIMSELF
MAKING A CONNECTION ~~WITH~~ ON A HOMOSEXUAL BASIS FOR THE APPARATUS
WITH A REPUBLICAN ~~SENATOR~~ SENATOR FROM MAINE NAMED HALE AND THAT
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CHAMBERS TURNED THIS SUGGESTION DOWN. CRANE DESCRIBED DAVE AS APPROX. TWENTYFIVE ~~THIRTY~~ YEARS, FIVE FEET FIVE IN., ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED THIRTY LBS., DARK HAIR AND COMPLEXION, LONG THIN HANDS, STOOPED POSTURE, WORE GRAY SUITS, JEWISH, "FELINE APPEARANCE", PROBABLY FROM WASHINGTON OR BALTIMORE. CRANE DID NOT RECOGNIZE NAME DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN BUT SAID DAVE CARPENTER QUOTE HAD A RING TO IT UNQUOTE. NYC ~~REQUESTED~~ REQUESTED FURNISH LA IMMEDIATELY ~~PHOTOGRAPHS~~ PHOTOGRAPHS OF DAVID ZIMMERMAN, MAXIM LIEBER, FELIX INSLERMAN, AND ALL SUBJECTS THIS CASE FOR DISPLAY TO CRANE. CRANE ADVISED ~~THAT~~ THAT IN SPRING NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN MORRIS ASIMOW PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH ONE HUETTIG, A GERMAN EMPLOYED AT LARGE ARMS FACTORY IN CONNECTICUT, BELIEVED TO BE REMINGTON ARMS CO., WHO WAS IN POSITION TO OBTAIN INFO. REGARDING AUTOMATIC MACHINERY FOR LOADING SHELLS UP TO FIFTY CALIBRE. CRANE STATED CHAMBERS WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTED AND TOLD HIM THAT TWO OR THREE SPECIAL MISSIONS TO OBTAIN THIS INFO. HAD BEEN DISPATCHED ~~FROM~~ FROM RUSSIA WITHOUT SUCCESS. CRANE STATED HE TURNED HUETTIG OVER TO COLONEL BYKOV WHO APPARENTLY INSTRUCTED HUETTIG. HUETTIG ~~THEN~~ THEN BEGAN BRINGING HUGE BATCHES OF PRINTS, FLOW CHARTS, ETC., TO ~~CRANE~~ CRANE ON WEEKENDS ~~AND~~ AND ~~HOLIDAYS~~ HOLIDAYS AND CRANE TURNED THIS MATERIAL OVER TO CHAMBERS OR BYKOV, BUT MOST LIKELY BYKOV. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS PHOTOGRAPHED, BUT HE CANNOT RECALL

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RETURNING THE MATERIAL TO HUETTIG AND STATES HE DID NOT PHOTOGRAPH IT HIMSELF. HE SAID THAT HE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE INFO. FROM ~~HUETTIG~~ ~~HUETTIG~~ HUETTIG UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE FROM APPARATUS IN FALL OF NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. HE STATED HUETTIG WAS NOT PAID AND WAS NOT A COMMUNIST AND HE COULD NEVER ~~UNDERSTAND~~ UNDERSTAND HUETTIG'S MOTIVE. IN EARLY FORTIES CRANE LEARNED FROM ASIMOW THAT HUETTIG WAS A QUOTE VERY BIG SHOT UNQUOTE IN AVIATION, PROBABLY NORTH AMERICAN OR DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT ~~PLANTS~~ PLANTS. AT THIS TIME CRANE UNSUCCESSFULLY CONTACTED HUETTIG SEEKING EMPLOYMENT HXX AND HAS ~~HAD~~ HAD NO CONTACTS SINCE. LA INDICES REFLECT FILE ON LESTER MARX HUETTIG AND WIFE MAE D. HUETTIG, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED ONE ~~SIX SIX FIVE~~ ~~SIX FIVE SEVEN NINE~~, NYC FILE ONE HUNDRED SEVEN SIX ONE SIX, INDICATING HE WAS ~~EMPLOYED~~ EMPLOYED REMINGTON ARMS CO., BRIDGEPORT, CONN. JAN. THIRTYFOUR TO JULY, THIRTYNINE AND IS ~~EXACT~~ IDENTICAL WITH HUETTIG MENTIONED BY CRANE, WAS EMPLOYED AS ASSISTANT ~~INDUSTRIAL~~ INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS MANAGER AT NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, INC. IN NINETEEN FORTYTWO, AND STILL EMPLOYED BY THAT COMPANY AS OF MAY, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. FILE ~~INDICATES~~ ~~HXX~~ INDICATES HE AND WIFE ARE ARDENT COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS AND THAT THEY WERE VERY CLOSE TO ISADOR LUBIN, FORMER ASST. NATIONAL LABOR COMMISSIONER, WASH, DC. POSSIBILITY EXISTS HUETTIG MAY BE ACTIVE SOVIET AGENT. BUREAU AND NYC REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFO. CONCERNING HUETTIG. CRANE WILL ~~BE~~ ~~INTERVIEWED~~ INTERVIEWED FURTHER FEB. EIGHTEEN, NEXT.

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cc. Mr. Gletcher

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SAC, New York

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There are being enclosed herewith to the offices receiving copies of this letter two photographs of Whittaker Chambers which were taken from a fingerprint card in file at the Identification Division of the Bureau. These prints were taken on October 8, 1942, when Chambers was fingerprinted as an applicant for the position of Senior Editor for "Time, Incorporated".

These photographs are for your further assistance in connection with this investigation.

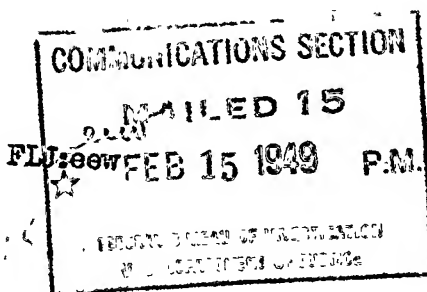
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February 15, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R
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Re report of SA Joseph M. Kelly at New York, dated February 8, 1949.

The Washington Field office should disregard the lead set out therein to interview former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

cc New York

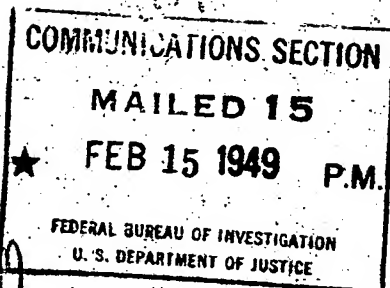
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

DATE: Feb. 11, 1949

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al
 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R
 Bureau File 74-1333

Re Cincinnati letter to the Director dated February 3, 1949.

Mr. HAROLD RUTTENBERG, Room 600, Schenley Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., who is now associated with the Hartik Corp., Room 1803 First National Bank Building, Pittsburgh, advised that during the summer of 1934 he was an investigator for the NYE Committee and that all of his investigations were conducted in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. RUTTENBERG stated that he had been in Washington, D. C., during the time he was employed by the NYE Committee but that he did not recall ever having met WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or ALGER HISS. He was exhibited the photographs of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and was unable to identify the individual in the photographs with any individual with whom he had ever been acquainted. He also stated that he did not know any individual by the name GEORGE CROSLY.

Mr. RUTTENBERG stated that he did not have any information in his possession concerning ALGER HISS' personal affairs and that he did not have in his possession any typewritten material which may have originated with ALGER HISS.

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cc: Washington Field (74-94)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: February 14, 1949 ✓

FROM : MR. LADD

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ET AL
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R; INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

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In connection this case, there is a voluminous amount of correspondence between the Bureau and the Field Offices, requiring, in addition to letters and reports, a large number of teletypes. In order to facilitate communications in connection with the above case, and because of the economy it will effect, it is believed that a code word should be established and generally used in connection with the above case since the title is rather long.

ACTION:

It is recommended that the formal use of the word "JAHAM" as a code word in the above case be approved. Attached for approval is an appropriate SAC letter in this case.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/15/49

FROM : SAC, Baltimore

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R; IS - R

By teletype dated February 14, 1949, the New York Office requested the Washington Field Office to forward immediately to New York a summary of the personal history and background or all pertinent serials reflecting the same on ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING. The Baltimore Office was requested to furnish information concerning the current activity and residence of the same individual.

A review of the Baltimore file of ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING discloses that the Washington Field Office has copies of all reports written concerning her with the exception of the report of SA DAVID A. FISH, Boston, dated September 7, 1943, entitled "ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING, was; SECURITY MATTER-C" and the report of SA JESSE F. FARR, Baltimore, dated July 23, 1946, entitled "ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING, was; INTERNAL SECURITY-C." Copies of the two reports referred to above are being forwarded herewith to the New York Office.

Since it is anticipated that the Washington Field Office will furnish the New York Office with copies of all reports maintained by Washington concerning ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING, no reports other than the above are being submitted by this office.

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Confidential Informants of the Baltimore Office have advised that ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING does not openly engage in Communist Party activities locally. She has, however, through these informants evidenced an interest in and has done some work for the Progressive Party of Maryland. It is likewise known that several local leaders of the Communist Party, including PHILIP FRANKFELD, MAURICE BRAVERMAN, HAROLD BUCHMAN and SAMUEL SCHMERLER, have been in contact with SOYRING during the past several months. Since ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING appeared before the Federal Grand Jury in New York City in December, 1948 she has almost continuously been in a drunken and hysterical condition, as a result of which several efforts have been made by local leaders of the Communist Party to have SOYRING leave Baltimore or enter a sanitarium for psychiatric treatment. She is at the present time temporarily residing at the home of SAMUEL and HELEN SCHMERLER, local Communists, 5603 Jonquil Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. However, SOYRING still maintains her apartment at 2115 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/15/49

FROM : SAC, Richmond

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
ALGER HISS, Et Al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Retel dated 1/25/49 and Baltimore letter to Bureau dated 1/4/49.

Mr. GEORGE H. ENGEMAN, Publisher of the North Virginia Free Press, with offices at 2780 South Randolph Street, Shirlington, Arlington, Virginia, residence 2867 South Abingdon Street, Fairlington, Arlington, Virginia, was interviewed by Special Agents JAMES F. DURKIN, JR. and BIRL WILSON at Mr. ENGEMAN's office on January 28, 1949. Mr. ENGEMAN advised that to the best of his knowledge he does not know and has never met ALGER HISS. He has seen the latter's photograph in the press in connection with instant case and can also say he does not know the subject under any other name.

cc Baltimore

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ET AL. PERJURY, ESPIONAGE -R.
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REFLECTS THIS OFFICE HAS NEVER BEEN FURNISHED WITH PRINTS MADE FROM
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SEVEN RESPECTIVELY. IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN IF DOCUMENTS APPEARING ON
SUCH FILM WERE SUPPLIED TO CHAMBERS BY HISS, IT IS REQUESTED THAT SUCH
PRINTS BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 18, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., ET AL
PERJURY - ESPIONAGE R

Reference is made to Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau, New York, Washington Field, and San Francisco, dated February 9, 1949.

WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE, when interviewed by agents of the Los Angeles office on February 8, 1949, stated that in about 1932, he, CRANE, met MARGARET FRANCES GUTELIUS, who was attending the University of California, at a CP meeting at Mill Valley, California.

In September 1934 when GUTELIUS enrolled in Medical School at Berkeley, California, she and CRANE began living together in an apartment in Berkeley as man and wife.

When CRANE returned to New York to work for CHAMBERS, and until leaving the work, he stated, he lived with GUTELIUS who was then attending Columbia University Medical School. They lived first in Staten Island, then moved to 2228 Amsterdam Avenue, and then for nearly two years prior to the end of 1931 they lived in Apartment 45, at 112 Haven Avenue, New York City, which CRANE rented under the name W. EDWARD CRANE.

CRANE advised GUTELIUS knew he was in some underground work and on one occasion she and CRANE went to a night club in New York with Col. BYKOV and his wife.

CRANE also recalled that he was ordered by CHAMBERS to give photography lessons to the wife of an Italian, neither of whom he is further able to identify, except that the Italian was known to him as "PETE." CRANE stated the Italian had fought in the Spanish Revolution, and he described him as being 42 to 45 years of age now, six feet tall, 190 pounds, well built, brown eyes, brown wavy hair, good looking, mechanic or "ham" radio operator. The Italian was supposed to have been an Italian Navy officer in World War I. The Italian's wife was of Spanish or Mexican descent.

DEFERRED RECORDING

Present residents at 112 Haven Avenue, New York City, advise that Mr. and Mrs. M. SWANKE, 92 Rutgers Place, Riveredge, New Jersey, were residents of the Haven Avenue address at the time CRANE states he lived there.

cc Newark (2 encls.)

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Mr. and Mrs. SWANKE should be interviewed by the Newark office in an attempt to ascertain whether CRANE and GUTELIUS occupied Apartment 45 at 112 Haven Avenue. Also, they should be questioned as to the friends, associates, and visitors to that apartment. Photographs of both CRANE and GUTELIUS are being furnished the Newark office for their assistance in this interview.

It should be noted that CRANE was doing photographic work for CHAMBERS, but may have been posing as a writer. GUTELIUS was attending Columbia University Medical School, but may have been posing as a teacher.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

February 18, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 17, 1949.

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

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Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Letter dated February 16, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

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by Letter *10-16-74 THB/bos*

K347 Letter handwritten in ink on a sheet of white paper, dated September 9, 1936 at 1245 - 30th Street N.W., Washington, D. C., beginning "My dear Mr. Banfield, Enclosed is the", signed ALGER KISS.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the signature appearing on K347 was written by the same person who wrote the ALGER KISS signature appearing on specimen K40. It was concluded that the writing on K347 was written by the person who wrote Q1 through Q4. It was concluded that the writing and signature on K347 were written by the person who wrote the ALGER KISS signature and other writing appearing on the reverse side of the Civil Service fingerprint card which reflects the prints were taken by GRADY E. BISHOP. It was concluded that the writing and signature on K347 were written by the same person who wrote the writing and signature appearing on each of documents K340, K341 and K342.

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Handwriting testimony can be given on the above conclusions, but the matter must be established by the writing appearing on the reverse side of the Civil Service fingerprint card or the writing on specimens K340 through K342 would have to be established to the satisfaction of the Court.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION is returning herewith to the New York Office, photographs of the above mentioned specimens.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attention: FBI Laboratory DATE: February 16, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., ET AL;
 PERJURY;
 ESPIONAGE - R;
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R.

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Re Washington Field Office teletype, February 10, 1949 at 6:49 p.m.

Enclosed herewith is the original letter signed "ALGER HISS," dated September 9, 1936, that was secured by the Washington Field Office from the Landon School. It is desired that the handwriting and the signature appearing on this letter be compared with the known handwriting and signature of ALGER HISS on file at the Bureau since with this letter was enclosed a typewritten document that has previously been identified as having been typed on the same typewriter that typed Q6 through Q69. It will be necessary to establish that this letter was in fact written by ALGER HISS.

K547

This letter has already been introduced as a Grand Jury exhibit and it was secured from Assistant to the Attorney General THOMAS DONEGAN and it will be necessary to return this document to him as soon as possible.

At the conclusion of the above examination it is desired that this letter be returned to this office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, New York

February 21, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 21, 1949.

Re: JAY D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

65-14920

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Examination requested by:

New York

Reference:

Letter dated February 18, 1949

Examination requested:

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Kc622 Photostatic copy of a typewritten document dated November 13, 1947, entitled "SUGGESTED STATEMENT OF POLICY", beginning "1. We believe that the rebuilding of the ...".

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The conclusion was reached that the machine which was used to type Kc622 was not used to type Q5 or Q6 through Q69.

The submitted evidence is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : *J* Attention: FBI Laboratory
 SAC, New York
 SUBJECT: JAY D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., ETAL
 PERJURY
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 18, 1949

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Enclosed herewith is one photostat of typing specimen believed to have been prepared by ALGER HISS. It was received from JAY LOVESTONE, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, New York City, February 18, 1949. Mr. LOVESTONE said he came into possession of the specimen at a meeting of the Stimson Committee of the Marshall Plan at Empire State Building, New York City, November, 1947. The original is still in possession of Mr. LOVESTONE.

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 The Laboratory is requested to make an examination of the enclosed specimen against known documents of the instant investigation for elimination purposes. If necessary, the original may be obtained from Mr. LOVESTONE but not before March 7, 1949, when he returns to New York City. ~~DISSEMINATE RECORDING~~

The laboratory may destroy the enclosed specimen if not found pertinent to instant investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Boston

February 21, 1949

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on February 18, 1949.

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DATE 7-14-82 BY SP7MAC/TP

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was;
ALGER HISS, et al
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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Examination requested by:

Boston

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EX-7 10-16-74 THB/bcs

Reference:

Letter dated February 17, 1949

Examination requested:

Document

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Q161 One black leather-bound Guest Registration book of the Knight
Homestead, Peterborough, New Hampshire, containing entries
beginning January 4, 1937, last entry dated August 31, 1938.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The handwritings of ALGER, PRISCILLA HISS and CHAMBERS were
compared with all the entries appearing in the Knight Homestead register,
Q161, but nothing of significance was noted except the entries of
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. FAST, ROBERT FAST and BETTY ANN FAST, under date of
August 29, 1937, which bear certain style characteristics to those of
ALGER HISS' writing.

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Lab. copy, Q161, is being retained in the files of the
Laboratory, pending STANLEY visit to New England.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attention: FBI LABORATORY DATE: 2-17-49 94909

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases; ALGER HISS, ET AL
PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY (R), ESPIONAGE (R)
(Bureau file 74-1333)

There is being forwarded herewith one, black leather-bound guest registration book, 6½ by 8½ inches, which was obtained from Mrs. ETHEL MacDUFF and Miss CLARA A. SPRATT, present owners of the Knight Homestead, Peterboro, New Hampshire, on February 16, 1949.

It is requested that handwriting in this guest registration book be compared with the known handwriting of PRISCILLA and ALGER HISS and JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in an effort to ascertain whether or not any of these individuals made registration in this book.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

For the Laboratory's further information it is being stated that from information supplied by CHAMBERS and from investigation of ALGER HISS there is reason to believe that all three of these individuals were registered under names other than their own for one night during the interim August 10 to 15, 1937 at the Knight Homestead, which is located at Peterboro, New Hampshire.

It is being requested that the results of examination be forwarded to the New York Division and this office and that the guest registration book be returned to this office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Boston

February 21, 1949

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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was;
ALGER HISS, et al
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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LAB. NO. 74-133-2076
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Examination requested by: Boston

Reference: Letter dated February 17, 1949 Deleted Copy Sent *Allen Weinstein*
Examination requested: Document by Letter *10-16-74 T.H.B./Bos*

Specimens:

- R606 A two-page letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated January 3, 1947, to Mr. Raymond Bennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mount Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- R607 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Department of State, Washington, dated January 13, 1947, to Mr. Raymond Bennett, Director, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER HISS.
- R608 A two-page typewritten letter on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 1947, to Mr. Raymond Bennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mount Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- R609 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 24, 1947, to Mr. Raymond Bennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Place, Boston, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- R610 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated June 10, 1947, to Mr. Raymond Bennett, Director, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mount Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.

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- K611 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated September 29, 1947, to Mr. Raymond Dennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- K612 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated September 30, 1947, signed ALGER; also attached is a slip of yellow paper bearing handwriting in pencil, dated "9-29", beginning "Dear Ray, This is the letter ...", signed ALGER.
- K613 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated January 9, 1948, to Mr. Ray Dennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- K614 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated January 12, 1948, to Mr. Raymond Dennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- K615 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated January 15, 1948, to Mr. Ray Dennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- K616 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated March 19, 1948, to Mr. Raymond Dennett, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- K617 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated May 14, 1948, to Mr. Raymond Dennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mount Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- K618 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated June 2, 1948, to Mr. Raymond Dennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- K619 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated June 10, 1948, to Mr. Raymond Dennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- K620 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated August 13, 1948, to Mr. Raymond Dennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.
- K621 Letter typewritten on letterhead stationery of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York, New York, dated October 13, 1948, to Mr. Raymond Dennett, World Peace Foundation, 40 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston 3, Massachusetts, signed ALGER.

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SAHAM, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. INVESTIGATION, PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS

REFLECTS GRADY E. BENNETT LEFT PORT ARTHUR IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX. MRS.

E. SMITH, THREE ELEVEN DE QUEEN STREET, PORT ARTHUR, ADVISED SHE UNDERSTANDS

BENNETT IS SELLING INSURANCE AND LIVING IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, DOES NOT

KNOW HIS ADDRESS. SAME CAN BE OBTAINED THRU BENNETT'S PARENTS AT EDINBURG,

TEXAS. POST OFFICE AND OTHER SOURCES OF INFO AT PORT ARTHUR REFLECT NO

FORWARDING ADDRESS. SAN ANTONIO INTERVIEW BENNETT'S PARENTS, SECURE BENNETT'S

ADDRESS AND INTERVIEW HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH WFO TEL DATED FEB EIGHTEEN LAST.

NO REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED. RUC.

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

The conclusion was reached that the machines which were used to type H600 through H621 were not used to type Q5 or Q6 through Q89.

The submitted evidence will be returned to the Boston Office as soon as photographic copies have been made.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI Attention: FBI LABORATORY DATE: 2-17-49

FROM : SAC, Boston 94908

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases; ALGER HISS, ET AL
PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY (R), ESPIONAGE (R)
Bureau file 74-1333

There are being transmitted herewith the following letters emanating from ALGER HISS directed to the World Peace Foundation, 40 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, as made available by Mr. RAYMOND DENNETT, the director of the World Peace Foundation.

The Bureau is requested to ascertain whether the enclosed specimens are identical with specimens Q 5 through Q69 of instant case. Upon completion of the examination, the Laboratory is requested to return these letters to the Boston Office as Mr. DENNETT has specifically requested that they be returned to him.

The following letters emanating from ALGER HISS are enclosed: ~~DEFERRED-RECORDING~~

1. letter dated January 3, 1947 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, consisting of two pages.
2. letter on the letterhead of the Department of State dated January 15, 1947 directed to RAYMOND DENNETT and signed by ALGER HISS.
3. letter on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace dated May 22, 1947, consisting of two pages, addressed to RAYMOND DENNETT and signed by ALGER HISS.
4. letter on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace dated May 24, 1947 directed to RAYMOND DENNETT and signed by ALGER HISS.
5. letter dated June 10, 1947 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace addressed to RAYMOND DENNETT and signed by ALGER HISS.
6. A letter dated September 29, 1947 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace addressed to Mr. RAYMOND DENNETT and signed by ALGER HISS.

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7. letter dated September 30, 1947 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace signed by ALGER HISS together with a memorandum on yellow paper dated 9/29 in the handwriting of ALGER HISS, addressed to RAYMOND DENNETT.
8. letter dated January 9, 1948 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace addressed to Mr. Raymond Dennett and signed by ALGER HISS.
9. letter dated January 12, 1948 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace addressed to Raymond Dennett and signed by ALGER HISS.
10. letter dated January 15, 1948 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace addressed to Raymond Dennett and signed by ALGER HISS.
11. letter dated March 19, 1948 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, addressed to Raymond Dennett and signed by ALGER HISS.
12. letter dated May 14, 1948 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, addressed to Raymond Dennett and signed by ALGER HISS.
13. letter dated June 2, 1948 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, addressed to Raymond Dennett and signed by ALGER HISS.
14. letter dated June 10, 1948 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, addressed to Raymond Dennett and signed by ALGER HISS.
15. letter dated August 13, 1948 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, addressed to Mr. Raymond Dennett and signed by ALGER HISS.
16. letter dated October 13, 1948 on the letterhead of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, addressed to Mr. Raymond Dennett and signed by ALGER HISS.

The Laboratory is requested to make the results of its examination available to the Boston and New York Offices.

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GAHAM. CHAMBERS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY NEW HAVEN TOURIST HOME AT THOMASTON, CONN. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING BY NEW HAVEN OFFICE. RE BOSTON TEL FEBRUARY TWENTY FIRST, FORTY NINE. CHAMBERS, ACCOMPANIED BY SAS T. G. SPENCER AND J. J. WARD, PRESENTLY EN ROUTE PETERBORO, N. H., FROM THOMASTON, CONN. ARE DRIVING NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT BLUE BUICK SEDAN, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT LICENSE NINE W SIX SIX SEVEN NINE, WITH NINETEEN FORTY NINE TAG. WILL MEET SA FREDERICK M. CONNORS IN FRONT OF MAIN POST OFFICE AT NINE AM MORNING OF FEBRUARY TWENTY SECOND, FORTY NINE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 23, 1949

FROM : *LT* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELDSUBJECT: JAHAM, PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 3, 1949 requesting investigation of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

Interview with Mr. HAROLD WOLKIND, Material Section, Army Air Force, denotes the following individuals were fellow employees of Mr. SILVERMAN in the Analysis and Reports Branch during his Air Force employment from 1942 to 1945: JOSEPH J. SENTURIA, presently employed Textron, Inc., New York City; MCKENZIE W. WITTEN, former Major, presently employed The YOUNG and RUBERCAN Advertising Agency, New York City; Mrs. JOHN DUGAN aka CATHERINE GORDON presently residing 115 Sullivan Avenue, Farmingdale, Long Island; and Mrs. J. N. SCHMITZ, 300 W 23rd Street, Apartment 7J, New York City.

The New York Office is requested to interview these individuals relative to their association with Mr. SILVERMAN and also consider the possibility of interviewing SIDNEY LESTER KLEPPER, former Major and fellow employee of SILVERMAN in the Army Air Force, who presently resides at 299 Riverside Drive and believed employed Orbach Department Store. It should be noted that KLEPPER has been a close associate and frequent contact of WILLIAM LUDWIG WILLMAN and MARY JANE KEENEY. KLEPPER is also believed to be acquainted with NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER and other known and suspected Communists.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
SUBJECT: JAHAM, PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: February 23, 1949

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 3, 1949 requesting investigation of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN.

Interview with Mr. HAROLD WOLKIND, ~~Material Section~~, Army Air Force, denotes that Mr. DONALD T. BLANKERTZ was associated with SILVERMAN during his employment with the Analysis and Reports Branch, Army Air Force during the period 1942-1945. Interview at the Material Section denotes that Mr. BLANKERTZ's last known address was the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania where he was employed as Instructor.

It is requested that the Philadelphia Office interview BLANKERTZ relative to SILVERMAN's activities with the Analysis and Reports Branch during the period 1942 to 1945.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, New Haven

DATE: February 23, 1949

SUBJECT: JAHAM
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Re report SA ROBERT F. X. O'KEEFE made at New York, 2/21/49, in which leads are set forth for the New Haven Office at Thomaston, Connecticut, to attempt to develop information to substantiate CHAMBERS' statement of his auto trip during the summer of 1937 with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, at which time they stopped at Thomaston, Connecticut, and at New Canaan, Connecticut, to interview JOHN C. MOORE for information concerning ALGER HISS.

In connection with the lead at Thomaston, see New Haven teletype to the Bureau and New York, 2/23/49, advising that no additional investigation would be conducted at Thomaston in view of CHAMBERS' inability to identify place at which he stayed in Thomaston. In connection with interview with JOHN C. MOORE, see New Haven teletype to the Bureau and New York, advising that JOHN C. MOORE could be reached at his office at 2 West 20th Street, New York City, Telephone Chelsea 2-7901, and requesting New York handle. This tel is dated 2/15/49.

For the information of the Bureau and the New York Office, this office presently has pending one lead in this case, namely, to interview Mrs. WILLIAM C. MARSHALL, 53 Franklin Street, Ansonia, Connecticut, in connection with a recent letter which she sent to the Bureau - (See Bulet to New Haven and New York dated 2/18/49).

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O JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP-R, IS-R. INTERVIEW MAYNARD J. TOLL, ATTORNEY, CARE OF MELVINY AND MYERS, FOUR THREE THREE SOUTH SPRING ST., LOSA. HE IS BELIEVED TO BE A FRIEND OF ALGER HISS AND A GRADUATE OF THE SAME CLASS IN HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. ASCERTAIN ANY AND ALL INFO IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING ALGER HISS. OBTAIN ANY TYPEWRITTEN DOCUMENTS EMANATING FROM ALGER HISS IN HIS POSSESSION. SUTEL RESULTS. FORWARD SAME AMSD TO THE BUREAU.

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SAHAM, PERJURY, ESP R. REURTEL FEB. TWENTY FIRST REGARDING TYPEWRITERS AND CAMERAS. LETTER SETTING FORTH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH CHAMBERS IN THIS REGARD PRESENTLY BEING TYPED. WILL BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION.

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9AHAM. REWFO TEL FEB. TWENTYTHREE CONCERNING LOCATION OF ~~WILFARD~~
~~ROSEN~~ FOR SERVICE OF SUBPOENA. MAURICE BRAVERMAN, ATTORNEY, FIFTEEN
S. GAY ST., BALTIMORE ADVISED IN INTERVIEW TODAY HE ONLY REPRESENTED
ROSEN AT HCUA PROCEEDING IN WASHINGTON AND DOES NOT CONSIDER HIMSELF
ROSENS ATTORNEY TODAY. HEARD LAST THANKSGIVING OR XMAS THAT ROSEN
HAD SOLD HIS BUSINESS. CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE SEEN ROSEN IN MONTHS
AND TO KNOW NOTHING TO ROSENS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. BALTO WILL ADVISE
IF ANYTHING IS LEARNED SUBSEQUENTLY OF ROSENS WHEREABOUTS.

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JAHAM. PERJURY, ESP-R., IS-R. RE BIRMINGHAM REPORT INSTANT CASE
FEB. ELEVEN NINETEEN FORTYNINE. WASH FLD SHOULD CHECK THE RECORDS OF
THE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF STEWART
MC DONALD, FOREST R. BLACK, JACK I. LEVY, LAWRENCE KEITT, MISS L.
RELLA RESNICK, ROBERT H. COX, PREW SAVOY, TOM FLAVIN, ARTHUR C.
BACHRACH AND DON MAC GUINNESS. LEADS SHOULD BE SET OUT BY THE
WASH FLD OFFICE TO HAVE THESE INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED BY THE FIELD
OFFICE COVERING THEIR PRESENT RESIDENCE.

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JAHAM. PERJURY, ESP-R., IS-R. INTERVIEW WILLIAM E. BYRD NOW WITH
A LARGE DEPT. STORE IN ATLANTA, AND FORMERLY AN ATTORNEY FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH ALGER HISS.
ASCERTAIN ANY AND ALL INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING
ALGER HISS. OBTAIN ANY TYPEWRITTEN DOCUMENTS. IN HIS POSSESSION
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0 JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP R, ISR. REWFOTEL FEB SEVENTEEN LAST. INQUIRY AT BANK OF MANHATTAN CO, NYC, REVEALED LAWRENCE R. BROWN, WHOSE ADDRESS WAS CARRIED AS ONE FIVE FIVE EIGHT THIRTY THIRD ST, NW, WASH, DC, CLOSED HIS ACCOUNT HERE DEC FOURTEEN FORTYFOUR. NO OTHER ADDRESS IN BANK FILE. FOLLOWING LEADS OBTAINED FROM ACCOUNT FILE...A COMMUNICATION FROM JULIUS GARFINKEL, INC, WASH, DC DATED JAN FOUR, FORTYTHREE, INDICATING MRS LAWRENCE BROWN WAS OPENING A CHARGE ACCOUNT THERE, A COMMUNICATION FROM LINCOLN NATIONAL BANK, SEVENTEENTH AND H STREETS, NW, WASH, DC, REQUESTING REFERENCES. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE ABOVE ORGANIZATIONS MAY HAVE A MORE RECENT ADDRESS FOR BROWN.

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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP. R. REBULET TWO EIGHTEEN LAST RELATIVE TO THE CHRONOLOGY IN THE HANDLING OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. SAAG, T. J. DONEGAN STATED HE SAW THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS IN NYC BUT THEY WERE NEVER IN HIS POSSESSION. DONEGAN UNABLE TO RECALL WHO HAD ACTUAL POSSESSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS BUT VINCENT P. RUSSO, CRIMINAL DIV., DJ, POSSIBLY WAS IN POSSESSION OF THESE DOCUMENTS. ON NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST AT ONE TWENTY PM, THE DOCUMENTS WERE DELIVERED TO INSPECTOR HOWARD B. FLETCHER, WHO PERSONALLY DELIVERED THEM TO VINCENT P. RUSSO. ON DECEMBER TEN LAST AT SIX THIRTYFOUR PM, RUSSO DELIVERED THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TO ASST DIR. D. M. LADD. WFO IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW VINCENT P. RUSSO, CRIM. DIV. DJ, TO DETERMINE THE EXACT CHRONOLOGY IN THE HANDLING OF THESE DOCUMENTS FROM ELEVEN THIRTY TO TWELVE TEN LAST. THE NAMES AND POSITIONS HELD OR HOME ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONS IN POSSESSION OF THESE DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SECURED AND THE LOCATION OF THE DOCUMENTS WHEN THEY WERE NOT IN THE ACTUAL POSSESSION OF ANY PERSON DURING THIS PERIOD SHOULD BE DETERMINED. THE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS HANDLING THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE PREPARATION OF A SUMMARY REPORT. HANDLE IMMEDIATELY.

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JAHAM, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. REBULET JANUARY NINETEEN

LAST REQUESTING INTERVIEWS OF ALL PERSONS MENTIONED IN LETTER FROM KATHRYN WILLS PERLO AS BEING ACTIVE IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNDERGROUND APPARATUS OF THE CP. CHARLES COE AND WIFE ROSE COE MENTIONED IN LETTER UNDOUBTEDLY IDENTICAL WITH CHARLES J. COE AND ROSE COE WHO LEFT WASHINGTON NOVEMBER TEN, THIRTYSIX, AND CONNECTED WITH FARM RESEARCH, INC, AS ECONOMIST, AND LAST RESIDING AT SEVEN SIX NINE ARGYLE ROAD, PHONE GEDNEY FOUR DASH NAUGHT FOUR ONE SIX, NY. COE WAS A NEIGHBOR IN NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE DASH THIRTYFIVE OF ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN AND SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED ALSO REGARDING SILVERMAN AS SET FORTH IN BULET FEBRUARY THREE LAST.

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JAHAM, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. REBUTEL FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE

AUTHORIZING INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT WARE STRAUS. CITY DIRECTORY LISTS

ROBERT WARE STRAUS, OFFICER OF SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE RESIDES
ACCOKEEK, MARYLAND. BALTIMORE WILL INTERVIEW ROBERT AND LENORE STRAUS.

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JAHAM. REURTEL FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE, LAST, RE ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING.
MATTER HAS BEEN DICTATED AND SHOULD BE IN NY FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE, NEXT.

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JAHAM. REMYTEL FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE LAST. REGISTER OF STATE DEPARTMENT OPEN DISBURSEMENT VOUCHERS PAID IN LAST SIX MONTHS OF NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN REFLECTS NONE PAID TO HISS. THIRTEEN VOUCHERS PAYABLE TO VARIOUS NEW ENGLAND RAILROADS DURING THAT PERIOD BEING MADE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY GAO PROBABLY FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHT. ANY PERTINENT MATERIAL WILL BE PHOTOSTATED AND INCLUDED WITH EXPEDITE REPORT AS SOON AS INVESTIGATION COMPLETED.

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JAHAM, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R, IS-R. BOSTON IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION AT PETERBORO, N. H., TO VERIFY THROUGH GUEST REGISTRATIONS A VISIT OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS AND WHITTAKER CHAMBERS TO PETERBORO, N. H., BETWEEN AUGUST TEN DASH FIFTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. CHAMBERS HAS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED GUEST HOUSE AT WHICH THEY STAYED FOR A PERIOD OF ONE NIGHT DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AS QUOTE BLEAK HOUSE UNQUOTE ON ROUTE ONE NAUGHT ONE, PETERBORO. BLEAK HOUSE WAS DEEDED TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUITIES WITH HEADQUARTERS AT BOSTON, MASS. BY SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON, PROFESSOR AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE, NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE. ON JULY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN, LUCY ELLIOTT, A SPINSTER, SIGNED A LEASE WITH THE SOCIETY LEASING THESE PREMISES FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME FROM JULY ONE, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN UNTIL APRIL ONE, THIRTYEIGHT. BOSTON IS ENDEAVORING TO LOCATE THE GUEST REGISTRATION BOOK FOR THIS PERTINENT PERIOD WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT CUSTODIAN, IS NO LONGER AT BLEAK HOUSE. INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH RELATIVES OF LUCY ELLIOTT REFLECTS THAT SHE MARRIED WITHIN THE LAST TWO YEARS AND IS RESIDING

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SOMEWHERE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. THE NIECE OF LUCY ELLIOTT IS ELIZABETH WEBER, RESIDING ON ROUTE ONE, BOX THIRTYFIVE, THREE NAUGHT FIVE CLAREMORE STREET, CORPUS CHRISTIE, TEXAS. HOUSTON ASCERTAIN FROM ELIZABETH WEBER THE MARRIED NAME AND PRESENT ADDRESS OF LUCY ELLIOTT, AND ADVISE THE BUREAU, NEW YORK AND BOSTON. EXPEDITE.

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0 JAHAM, PERJURY, ESP. - R. IS-R. RREP SA COURTLAND J. JONES DATED JAN. TWENTYEIGHT LAST AT WASHINGTON, DC, PAGES SEVENTEEN AND EIGHTEEN RE INTERVIEW OF HARRY C. FELDSTONE. IT IS SUGGESTED IF INDICATED RE-INTERVIEW OF FELDSTONE HAS NOT BEEN CONDUCTED, THAT IT BE HANDLED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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JAHAM, ESP-R., PERJURY. RENYTEL FEB. FIFTEEN LAST AND BUTEL FEB.

TWENTY FOUR LAST. REF NYTEL REFLECTS INFO RECEIVED FROM JACOB

BAKER CONCERNING LENORE STRAUSS AND SALLY RINGE AND THEIR RESIDENCE
AT ACCOKEEK, MD. FURTHER, THAT BAKER RECALLED A "PANSY" WHO WAS KNOWN
TO HAVE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AT ACCOKEEK OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT
THREE YEARS. JACOB BELIEVED HIM TO BE CHARLIE KRAMER KREVITSKY.

ATTENTION DIRECTED TO REPORT SA JAMES J. CANAVAN, WFO, NOV.

NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, ENTITLED "CHARLES KRAMER, WAS., IS-C.", WHICH
REFLECTS THAT KRAMERS SELECTIVE SERVICE FILE CONTAINS A LETTER,
DATED OCT. TWENTY FIRST FORTY TWO, NOTIFYING THE LB THAT HE HAD
MOVED FROM SIXTYONE PIERREPONT ST., BKLYN., TO LONGVIEW, ACCOKEEK,
MD. REBUTEL FEB. TWENTY FOUR LAST GRANTING AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW/
INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN AT ACCOKEEK. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE
QUESTIONED CONCERNING KRAMERS PRESENCE AND RESIDENCE AT ACCOKEEK.

SEATTLE WILL ALSO OBTAIN INFO RE KRAMER UPON INTERVIEW OF SALLY

RINGE

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SAC, New York

February 15, 1949

Attention: Mr. Belmont

Director, FBI

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

There is attached hereto a copy of a letter from SAC Carson of the Miami Office reflecting the results of an interview had by him with Mr. Adolf A. Berle in New York on September 3, 1948.

There is also attached herewith a photostatic copy of a transcript of testimony given by Berle before a Subcommittee of the House Un-American Activities Committee in New York City on August 30, 1948.

This is pursuant to a request made by Mr. Belmont on February 15, 1949.

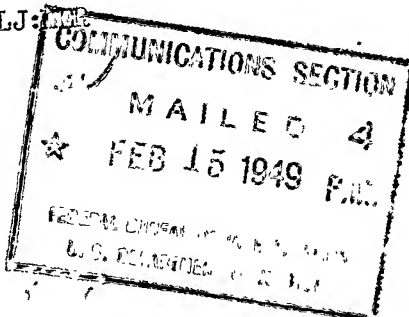
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

FEBRUARY 21, 1949

Transmit the following message to SAC, LOS ANGELES
NEW YORK
NEW HAVEN

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CODE IN PART

JAHAM REFERENCE LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK TELS FEBRUARY SIXTEEN,
NEW YORK TEL FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, AND NEW HAVEN TEL FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN, LAST.
LOS ANGELES HAS ALL INFORMATION IN FILES OF BUREAU ON LESTER MARK HUETTIG
AND WIFE MAE. LOS ANGELES SHOULD NOT INTERVIEW HUETTIG. SHOULD REOPEN
HUETTIG CASE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE PRESENT ACTIVITIES SINCE HE MAY POSSIBLY
BE ENGAGED IN SOVIET ESPIONAGE AT PRESENT TIME. LA MAY CONSIDER ADVISABILITY
OF ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE ON HUETTIG. NEW HAVEN WILL CONTACT
REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY THROUGH ESTABLISHED CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES AND HANDLE
INQUIRY ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. NEW YORK SHOULD INTERVIEW CHAMBERS
FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MAY POSSESS REGARDING HUETTIG. AT THIS TIME IT DOES
NOT APPEAR THAT AN INTERVIEW WITH HUETTIG WILL ASSIST IN THE PERJURY CASE
AGAINST HISS. IF, AFTER THE INTERVIEW WITH CHAMBERS AND THE COMPLETION OF
THE REQUESTED INVESTIGATION BY NEW HAVEN, IT IS BELIEVED THAT AN INTERVIEW
WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE, YOU SHOULD RESUBMIT THIS MATTER TO THE BUREAU FOR
AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW HUETTIG.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER *[initials]*
 FROM : V. P. KEAY *[initials]*
 SUBJECT: JAY DAVIS WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
 wa, et al
 PERJURY

DATE: January 26, 1949

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
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At the request of Supervisor Jones, Espionage Section, Agent DeLoach contacted Mr. Wilson, ONI, on January 19, 1949 relative to a statement made by ONI in a recent document forwarded this Bureau captioned, "Navy Department Documents - Possible Compromise Of" which appeared on Page 2 of the said document. The statement in question related to an ONI contention that a leakage of information in the captioned matter was definitely from the Bureau of Standards and not the Department of the Navy. This statement was attributed to a highly reliable source.

Mr. Wilson has confidentially advised Agent DeLoach that ONI's source in this matter was one Bill Wheeler, an Investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee. Mr. Wheeler reportedly recently advised ONI Investigators that he knew positively that the questionable leakage of information occurred at the Bureau of Standards and not at the Navy Department. Wilson also pointed out that the Bureau of Standards was included on the distribution list for the documents in question, and that, therefore, Wheeler's statement was a distinct possibility.

Supervisor Jones was advised of the above information.

Inasmuch as this information was given in confidence by Mr. Wilson to Agent DeLoach, any future interview of William Wheeler should not reflect this information was obtained at the ONI.

ACTION:

It is suggested this memorandum be forwarded to the Espionage Section for the attention of Supervisor Jones.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *ph*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *ph*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
PERJURY;
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 28, 1949

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Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

During the course of another call with reference to titled matter, I advised ASAC Belmont, New York, that the Navy Department had stated that they had received information that the documents which are on the film in the possession of the HUAC were not actually obtained from the State Department but were obtained through the Bureau of Standards. I asked Mr. Belmont in talking to Chambers to find out whether this could be true.

Mr. Belmont has advised that they questioned Chambers concerning this. He stated he had no contact at any time in the Navy Department who furnished him any documents, and he was confident that the documents of the Navy Department were secured by him through his contact at the Bureau of Standards.

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Mr. Hendon	
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Mr. Quinn	
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DIRECTOR URGENT

ATTN. FBI LAB.

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP R. THIS OFFICE PRESENTLY PREPARING A SUMMARY REPORT ON THIS CASE. TO DETERMINE THE EXACT CHRONOLOGY IN THE HANDLING OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO NOV TWENTYNINE LAST WHEN SE GEORGE C. BRIGHT DELIVERED THESE DOCUMENTS TO THE BUREAU, THE LABORATORY IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE NAMES OF THE AGENTS WHO ARE COMPETENT TO TESTIFY AS TO THE HANDLING OF THESE DOCUMENTS. THIS CHRONOLOGY SHOULD BE SET FORTH TO INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUREAU WHO RECD THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FROM SE BRIGHT AND THE COMPLETE CHRONOLOGY FROM NOV TWENTYNINE TO DATE SHOULD BE SET OUT, INCLUDING THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAD POSSESSION OF THESE DOCUMENTS AND THE LOCATION OF THESE DOCUMENTS DURING THIS PERIOD. HANDLE IMMEDIATELY.

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Chief Laboratory

M. A. Harbo's office

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February 18, 1949

SAC, New York

Director, FBI

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
with aliases, et al

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INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reference is made to New York teletype to the Bureau dated February 9, 1949, requesting that the FBI Laboratory advise the names of the Agents who are competent to testify as to the handling of the original Chamber documents subsequent to November 29, 1948, when Special Employee George C. Bright of the Baltimore Office delivered these documents to the Bureau. The chronology of the handling of these documents from that date forward is as follows:

November 29, 1948:

At 3:40 pm the documents were received from Special Employee George C. Bright of the Baltimore Office by Inspector Howard B. Fletcher in the latter's office at the Bureau. Inspector Fletcher turned these documents over to Supervisor Floyd L. Jones in Room 1647, Department of Justice Building at 3:45 pm. The documents remained in his custody in a locked file cabinet until November 30, 1948. (74-1333-319)

November 30, 1948:

At 1:20 pm the documents were delivered by Floyd L. Jones to Inspector Howard B. Fletcher, who personally delivered them to Mr. Vincent P. Russo of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. (74-1333-96)

December 10, 1948:

At 6:34 pm Mr. Vincent P. Russo of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice delivered the documents to Assistant Director D. M. Ladd of the Bureau, who delivered the documents to Bureau Supervisor Floyd L. Jones at 6:55 pm. The documents were immediately turned over to Special Agent R. J. Berte, who was on duty in the FBI Laboratory. The documents were turned over by him to R. C. Feehan, Document Examiner, in the FBI Laboratory. (74-1333-65)

December 15, 1948:

Document Examiner R. C. Feehan returned the documents to Bureau Supervisor Floyd L. Jones on the morning of this date and these have been in the latter's custody in a locked file cabinet in Room 1647 of the Department of Justice Building constantly with the exception of a few occasions when they were borrowed for a short period by Document Examiner R. C. Feehan for Laboratory comparison purposes.

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It is suggested that the New York Office contact Mr. T. J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, in order to determine the chronology of the handling of the documents while they were in the custody of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice between 1:20 pm, November 30, 1948, and 6:34 pm on December 10, 1948.

RLJ:jpa

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 17, 1949

FROM : SAC, Buffalo

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., etal
 PERJURY;
 ESPIONAGE - R;
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to the attached report of Special Agent ROBERT G. AULENBACHER, dated February 16, 1949 in the above captioned matter.

In accordance with the information set forth in Buffalo teletype to the Bureau and New York City dated January 26, 1949, HANNAH PICKERING will not be interviewed in the absence of a specific request from the Bureau.

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cc: New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 14, 1949

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By letter dated February 8, 1949, the Washington Field office requested New York to check the records of the New York Department of Taxation and Finance, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to determine if WILLIAM ROSEN did actually purchase the car in question and subsequently register it in New York City when he was residing at 638 West 160th Street, New York City.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles advised that their records are maintained for three years only and they are then destroyed. As a result, no further investigation is being conducted along this line.

cc: Washington Field

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY ESPIONAGE DASH R.

INVESTIGATION REFLECTS TANSER BUTLER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PRESENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRESSIVE RECORD, NEGRO PERIODICAL, WASH., D. C., AND RECENTLY DISMISSED BY GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE AFTER COMPLETION OF LOYALTY INVESTIGATION MADE ON BUTLER BY BUREAU. BUTLER DURING FALL OF THIRTY EIGHT AND PERIOD THEREAFTER ACTED AS PRESIDENT OF WORKERS ALLIANCE OF AMERICA IN WASH., D. C. DURING SAME PERIOD DAVID ZIMMERMAN WAS EDITOR OF QUOTE WORK UNQUOTE, A TABLOID NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED BY WORKERS ALLIANCE. PERMISSION REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW BUTLER RE KNOWLEDGE OF ZIMMERMAN'S ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGATIONS MADE BY CHAMBERS WITH RESPECT TO PHOTOGRAPHING OF DOCUMENTS IN SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON.

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CC: NEW YORK (MAIL)

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PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

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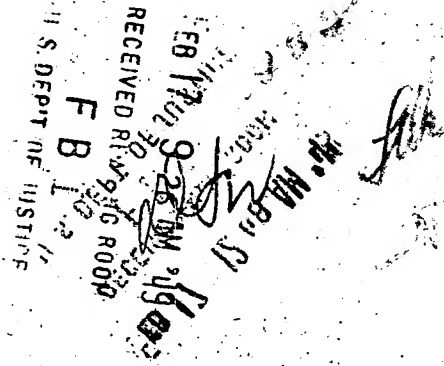
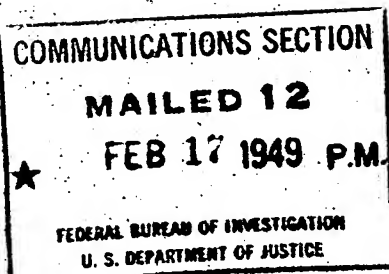
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Reference Washington Field teletype dated February 10, 1949.

Authority granted to interview Tansel Butler.

cc New York

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP. R. T. J. DONEGAN FURNISHED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF ACTIVITIES INSTANT DATE. CHAMBERS TESTIFIED BRIEFLY AND DECLARED THAT HE DOES NOT RECALL THAT IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH A. A. BERLE IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE THAT HE MADE ANY MENTION OF MICROFILMING OF DOCUMENTS OR THAT OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS WERE BEING TAKEN FROM GOVERNMENT FILES, WITH EXCEPTION THAT HE DID DETAIL TO BERLE ACTIVITIES OF FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO RE PROCURING DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL CONCERNING BOMB SIGHT AND SECRET PROJECTS AT ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND. FURTHER, THAT FROM HIS REMARKS, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING RENO, BERLE SHOULD HAVE REALIZED CLEARLY THAT ESPIONAGE WAS BEING COMMITTED. CHAMBERS ALSO TESTIFIED THAT HE DID NOT MENTION TO BERLE THE FACT THAT ALGER HISS HAD SUPPLIED HIM WITH GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS. ISADORE MILLER ALSO TESTIFIED AND GAVE SAME INFO AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED AGENTS, WHICH INFO BEARS OUT ALLEGATIONS OF CHAMBERS RE MILLER. HEDER MASSING ALSO APPEARED AND TESTIFIED TO SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFO AS IN HER PREVIOUS GOV. APPEARANCE. ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY SCHEDULED TO BE ONLY WITNESS FEB. 17 SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, LAST, REGARDING HISS TOLL CALLS. NO CONTACT WILL BE
MADE AT HCUA TO OBTAIN RECORDS. ²¹⁰⁵

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J.D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS ET AL, PERJURY, ESP-, IS-R. RECORDS OF
TOLL CALLS PLACED FROM HISS NEW YORK APARTMENT PRIOR TO NOVEMBER EIGH-
EEN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT SUPOENED BY HCUA. SUGGEST BUREAU ENDEAVOR
TO OBTAIN THESE RECORDS. RECORDS STILL IN NEW YORK INDICATE HISS ON
DECEMBER SIXTEEN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT CONTACTED WALTER C. LOUCHHEIM,
JR, TWO EIGHT TWO FOUR "O" STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. SUGGEST
WFO CONTACT IF NOT ALREADY INTERVIEWED. ON DECEMBER ELEVEN NINETEEN
FORTYEIGHT JOHN C. MOORE, WEST ROAD, NEW CANAAN, CONN., TELEPHONE NUMBER
NEW CANAAN NINE DASH NINE FOUR NAUGHT NINE, CONTACTED BY HISS. NEW
HAVEN REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW MOORE FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING HISS.

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SAC, New York

February 23, 1949

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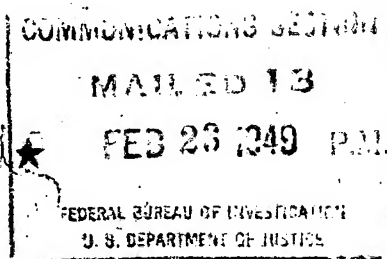
JAY DAVID WHYTEAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ET AL
PERJURY. ESPIONAGE - R. IS - R.

Your tel February 9, last, advises specimen was taken from Timothy Hobson's Corona portable. Urlet February 10, 1949 advises specimen was taken from Timothy Hobson's Royal portable typewriter, Serial No. A-1173233.

Please advise whether machine was a Corona or a Royal.

cc: Washington Field

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-31-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-26,27,28-49	REPORT MADE BY JACK S. TURTON JST/vda
TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with alias, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R INTERNAL SECURITY - R
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Eight additional Navy Department documents identified. Grand Jury exhibits numbers 49 and 51 set out with corresponding Bureau of Aeronautics Technical Note or Technical Order. Mailing list of Technical Notes and Orders obtained. Rear Admiral ALFRED M. PRIDE or officer designated by him to be subpoenaed as person who will be able to identify Navy material.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau file no. 74-1333.</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Bureau letter to Washington Field dated January 24, 1949.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>Washington, D. C.:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;"><u>GRAND JURY EXHIBITS NUMBERS 49 and 51, NAVY DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS</u></p> <p>Examination of the photographs which constitute Grand Jury exhibits numbers 49 and 51 enable identification of eight documents in addition to those previously identified by the Office of Naval Intelligence. A complete listing of identified material including those identified by ONI, together with the corresponding serial numbers of Bureau of Aeronautic Technical Notes and Technical Orders is as follows:</p>			
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GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NUMBER 49

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NAVY IDENTIFICATION

A-1	Technical Note #30-37, dated 6 December, 1937
A-2	Technical Note #30-37, dated 6 December, 1937
A-3	Technical Note #31-37 dated 8 December, 1937
A-4	" " " " " "
A-5	Technical Note #32-37 dated 23 December, 1937 (page 2)
A-6	" " " " " "
A-7	Technical Note #33-37 dated 28 December, 1937
A-8	Technical Order #76-37 dated 3 December, 1937
A-9	" " " " " "
A-10	Technical Order #77-37 dated 6 December, 1937
A-11	Technical Order #77-37 dated 6 December, 1937 (page 2)
A-12	Technical Order #79-37 dated 8 December, 1937
A-13	Technical Order #79-37 dated 8 December, 1937 (page 2)
A-14	" " " " " "
A-15	Technical Order #82-37 dated 20 December, 1937
A-16	" " " " " "
A-17	Technical Order #84-37 dated 27 December, 1937
A-18	" " " " " "

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<u>EXHIBIT NUMBER</u>	<u>NAVY IDENTIFICATION</u>
A-19	Technical Order #84-37 dated 27 December, 1937 (page 2)
A-20	" " " " " "
A-21	Technical Order #1-38 dated 4 January, 1938
A-22	" " " " "

No identification was made of exhibits A-23 through A-36.

GRAND JURY EXHIBIT NO. 51

<u>EXHIBIT NUMBER</u>	<u>NAVY IDENTIFICATION</u>
B-1	Technical Note #32-37 dated 23 December, 1937
B-2	Technical Note #32-37 dated 23 December, 1937
B-3	Technical Note #32-37 dated 23 December, 1937 (page 2)
B-4	" " " " " "
B-5	Technical Note #33-37 dated 28 December, 1937 (page 2)
B-6	Technical Note #33-37 dated 28 December, 1937 (page 3)
B-7	" " " "
B-8	Technical Note #1-38 dated 11 January, 1938
B-9	" " " " " "
B-10	" " " " " "

<u>EXHIBIT NUMBER</u>	<u>NAVY IDENTIFICATION</u>
B-11	Technical Note #1-38 dated 11 January, 1938, (page 2)
B-12	" " " " "
B-13(right side of page)	Technical Note #6-38 dated 25 January, 1938
B-14 (left side of page)	Technical Order #1-38 dated 4 January, 1938
B-14 (right side of page)	Technical Order #2-38 dated 5 January, 1938
B-15 (right side of page)	Technical Order #2-38 dated 5 January, 1938
B-15 (left side of page)	Not discernable; probably same as B-14
B-16	Technical Order #3-38 dated 15 January, 1938
B-17	" " " " "
B-18	" " " " "
B-19	" " " " "
B-20	" " " " "
B-21	Technical Order #3-38 dated 15 January, 1938 (page 2)
B-22	" " " " "
B-23	Technical Order #3-38 dated 15 January, 1938 (page 3)
B-24	" " " " "
B-25 (left side of page)	Technical Order #7-38 dated 31 January, 1938
B-25 (right side of page)	Technical Order #8-38 dated 5 February, 1938

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B-26 (right side of page)

Technical Order #8-38 dated 5 February, 1938

B-27 (right side of page)

Technical Order #8-38 dated 5 February, 1938

No identification was made of exhibits B-26 through B-38.

Mrs. C. R. PENNY, Librarian, Bureau of Aeronautics, advised that the mailing list of Technical Notes number 0-35 dated February 3, 1934 was the one used in the distribution of the above orders and notes, and that the only changes to the list were additional VF (fighter) Squadrons.

Rear Admiral THOMAS S. COMBS, Deputy and Assistant Chief, Bureau of Aeronautics, U. S. Navy, advised that Rear Admiral ALFRED M. PRIDE, USN, Chief, Bureau of Aeronautics, U. S. Navy or any officer to be designated by him, would be able to identify the documents as originating from the Bureau of Aeronautics. Admiral PRIDE's office address is Room 2085, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. and his home address is 2330 S. Meade Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Enclosure: Two copies each to the Bureau
and three copies each to New York
of the following:

1. Photostatic copy of Technical Order 76-37 dated 3 December, 1937 re: Securing A.C. Windings of NEA-2 Generators by Glyptol Treatment.

2. Photostatic copy of Technical Order 77-37 dated 6 December, 1937 re: Use of Preheat with Chandler-Groves Carburetors.

3. Photostatic copy of Technical Order 79-37 dated 8 December, 1937 re: Lubrication and Replacement of Solenoid Control Devices on Models 3260-130-HCE and 3260-130-VCE Inertia Starters.

4. Photostatic copy of Technical Order 82-37 dated 20 December, 1937 re: Increasing Interval Between Adjustments of Valve Clearances on R-1830-64 Engines in Patrol Airplanes.

5. Photostatic copy of Technical Order 84-37 dated 27 December, 1937 re: Aircraft Radio - Microphone - NAF No. 213264-3.

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Enclosures to Bureau and New York continued:

6. Photostatic copy of Technical Order 1-38 dated 4 January, 1938 re: Restrictions on Gross Weights of Transport and Utility Type Navy Airplanes.
7. Photostatic copy of Technical Order 2-38 dated 5 January, 1938 re: Portable Carbon Dioxide Fire Extinguishers - Painting Of.
8. Photostatic copy of Technical Order 3-38 dated 15 January, 1938 re: Parachutes.
9. Photostatic copy of Technical Order 7-38 dated 31 January, 1938 re: Replacement of Hydro-Controllable Propeller Counterweight Bearing Shaft and Adjusting Screw.
10. Photostatic copy of Technical Order 8-38 dated 5 February, 1938 re: Life Jackets.
11. Photostatic copy of Technical Note 30-37 dated 6 December, 1937 re: Installation of Flexible Hose Connections on Aircraft Fuel and Oil Lines.
12. Photostatic copy of Technical Note #31-37 dated 8 December, 1937 re: Fuel System Dump Valves.
13. Photostatic copy of Technical Note 32-37 dated 23 December, 1937 re: Aircraft Radio - Liaison Airplanes - Modification to Permit use of Two Model "RU" Receivers Simultaneously.
14. Photostatic copy of Technical Note 33-37 dated 28 December, 1937 re: Aircraft Radio - Transmitters, Model GP and GP-2 - Modification of Operator's Control Box to Permit Front Cockpit Operation.
15. Photostatic copy of Technical Note 1-38 dated 11 January, 1938 re: Aircraft Radio - Interphone Station Boxes, Locking Device for Headset and Microphone Plugs.
16. Photostatic copy of Technical Note 6-38 dated 25 January, 1938 re: Fuel Pressure Settings.
17. Photostatic copy of Technical Note 0-35 dated February 3, 1934 re: Mailing List for Bureau Technical Orders and Notes.
18. Copies of Grand Jury Exhibits #49 and #51.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

DATE: February 24, 1949

SUBJECT: JAHAM
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Special Agent JOSEPH E. SPIVEY, of this office, and his wife spent the weekend of February 19 and 20, 1949 with a Mrs. FAYE THOMASON, 2755 Macomb Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., who is employed as a receptionist with the law firm of Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson & Short, 701 Union Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

During the course of this visit Mrs. THOMASON mentioned the "Hiss spy trial" on two occasions, indicating the curiosity of the public in the trial and also indicating that it is something that is discussed very cautiously in Washington. She also mentioned that DONALD HISS is a member of the law firm of Covington, Burling, Rublee, Acheson & Short. 12/

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Agent SPIVEY has been well acquainted with Mrs. THOMASON for a number of years, but due to the fact that she is an employee of Secretary of State DEAN ACHESON, as well as DONALD HISS, he did not question her as to her knowledge of the case or to the degree of her acquaintance with DONALD HISS. Mrs. THOMASON is expected to visit in the SPIVEY home within the next three weeks but she will not be questioned regarding DONALD HISS unless the Bureau desires that this be done. ne

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REBUTEL TO HOUSTON AND SAN ANTONIO DATED FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST. GRADY ELWOOD BENNETT PRESENTLY RESIDING WITH FATHER, FRED G. BENNETT, FIVE MILES WEST STATE HIGHWAY, EDINBURG, TEXAS. PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS BENNETT INSURANCE AGENCY, ONE ONE TWO NORTH TWELFTH STREET, EDINBURG. BENNETT ADVISED THAT HE BEGAN WORKING FOR STATE DEPARTMENT ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, FORTYTWO, AND WAS ASSIGNED TASK OF FINGERPRINTING ALL STATE DEPARTMENT APPLICANTS AS WELL AS ALL PRESENT EMPLOYEES WHO HAD NOT BEEN FINGERPRINTED AT THAT TIME. DOES NOT RECALL HAVING FINGERPRINTED ALGER HISS. BENNETT IS NOT A JUNIOR AND DOES NOT SIGN HIS NAME JR. AS INDICATED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE. HE ADVISED THAT IF HE COULD OBSERVE THE FINGERPRINT CARD AND COULD IDENTIFY HIS OWN SIGNATURE ON THE CARD HE COULD TESTIFY THAT HE TOOK FINGERPRINTS BUT COULD NOT TESTIFY POSITIVELY THAT THE SIGNATURE OF HISS WAS MADE BY HISS PERSONALLY. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE OR ANOTHER EMPLOYEE USUALLY FILLED OUT REVERSE SIDE OF FINGERPRINT CARD WITH TYPEWRITER. HOWEVER, POSSIBLE THAT EITHER HIMSELF OR HISS FILLED IT OUT IN PEN OR PENCIL. RUC.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP R. RENVTEL
FEB EIGHTEEN, FORTYNINE, REGARDING INFO SUPPLIED BY CHAMBERS IN PRESENT
TRIAL DEPOSITION AT BALTIMORE ON THAT DATE WITH INFO CONCERNING TRIP
MADE BY ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS AND CHAMBERS FROM WASH, DC TO
THOMASTON, CONN. AND THEREAFTER PETERBORO, NEW HAMPSHIRE, IN AUGUST
NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. IN VIEW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE
BEEN MADE TO TAKE CHAMBERS VIA BUREAU AUTOMOBILE, ACCOMPANIED BY TWO
AGENTS, NY OFFICE, FROM NY TO THOMASTON AND THEREAFTER TO PETERBORO
AND RETURN, THIS TRIP BEING MADE IN EFFORT TO DEFINITELY ESTABLISH
THE TOURIST HOME IN WHICH PARTY STAYED ON THIS TRIP, AND TO ASCERTAIN
IF PRESENT OWNERS HAVE ANY DOCUMENTARY OR OTHER INFO WHICH WOULD BE AD-
MISSABLE TO PROVE CHAMBERS AND HISS WERE TOGETHER IN AUGUST, NINETEEN
THIRTYSEVEN. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU, CHAMBERS,
ACCOMPANIED BY AGENTS, WILL LEAVE NYC MON. FORENOON, NEXT. THE NEW
HAVEN OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO SUTEL NY NAME OF AGENT AND PLACE IN
PETERBORO WHERE HE CAN BE CONTACTED MONDAY AFTERNOON, FEB TWENTYONE,
FORTYNINE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT NY AGENTS WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE SOME-
TIME TUESDAY NEXT AT PETERBORO, AND BOSTON IS REQUESTED TO HAVE AGENT
FAMILIAR WITH THAT CITY AVAILABLE. BOSTON WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED AS
TO THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF THE ARRIVAL OF CHAMBERS AND NY AGENTS IN
PETERBORO.

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JAHAM. PERJURY, ESP-R. RE BOSTON TEL FEB. TWENTY FOUR INSTANT.
MISS STERNS INTERVIEWED. CLAIMS THAT FOR THREE YEAR PERIOD AROUND
NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN SHE MAINTAINED REGISTER WHICH WAS SIGNED BY
PEOPLE ATTENDING ALL SHOWS AT STERNS FARM. SAID THIS REGISTER PROB-
ABLY IN USE DURING PERIOD OF HISS-CHAMBERS VISIT IN NINETEEN THIRTY
SEVEN. MAINTAINED FOR COMPILING AND MAILING LIST AND DISCONTINUED
AFTER THREE YEARS. SAID THESE BOOKS NOW IN HER HOME AT PETERBORO,
NEW HAMPSHIRE. HAS GIVEN VERBAL PERMISSION FOR BUREAU AGENTS TO LOOK
THROUGH REGISTER PROVIDED THAT THEY CONTACT RICHARD NOYES, MIDDLE
HANCOCK ROAD, PETERBORO. STERNS TELEPHONING NOYES THIS EVENING
AND ADVISING HIM AS TO PROBABLE LOCATION OF REGISTER. STERNS WILLING
TO TESTIFY AS TO DATE OF INSTANT PLAY BUT HAS NO RECORD OF EXACT
DATES. SUGGEST PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF ADVERTISEMENT CARRIED IN PETER-
BORO "TRANSCRIPT" BE OBTAINED AND FURNISHED NY AS STERNS SAID THIS
PAPER CARRIED EXACT RUNNING DATES.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP DASH R.
WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE, ONE ONE SIX SIENA DRIVE, LONG BEACH, CALIF.,
PARTIALLY INTERVIEWED TODAY TWO FORTYFIVE PM TO TEN THIRTY PM AND TO BE
INTERVIEWED FURTHER TOMORROW AT ONE PM. CRANE WAS COOPERATIVE BUT UN-
ABLE TO RELATE STORY CHRONOLOGICALLY. CRANE STATED HE JOINED CP IN SAN
FRANCISCO ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER WAS SINGLED
OUT BY "POP" FOLKOFF WHO TOOK INTEREST IN HIM AND THEN ARRANGED FOR HIM
TO MEET "DON" WHOM HE IDENTIFIED FROM PHOTOGRAPH AS JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN.
HE ALSO KNEW SHERMAN AS "MIKE", MITCHELL AND "JACK". SHERMAN WANTED
CRANE TO DROP OUT OF PARTY AND ~~DO~~ DO SPECIAL WORK FOR ORGANIZATION
CALLED INTERNATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENCE. INTRODUCTION OF CRANE TO
SHERMAN TOOK PLACE AT FOLKOFF-S HOME. WHILE CRANE COULD NOT RECALL

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WAS TO TEACH ENGLISH TO A JAPANESE WHOM HE ~~KNOWS~~ KNEW ONLY AS "JOE"
~~XXXX~~ . SHERMAN WAS INTENSELY INTERESTED IN JAPANESE MATTERS AND
CRANE AND SHERMAN PURCHASED A SMALL JAPANESE NEWSPAPER IN LOS ANGELES
KNOWN AS PACIFIC WORLD NEWS. WHICH SHERMAN CONSIDERED QUOTE KEY TO
THE JAPS UNQUOTE. IN LA SHERMAN ~~INTRODUCED~~ INTRODUCED CRANE TO
ITALIAN COUPLE WHO WERE LATER CONNECTED WITH HIMSELF AND CHAMBERS IN
NEW YORK. AFTER PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER IN L.A. THREE OR ~~FOUR~~ FOUR
MONTHS SHERMAN SAID SOMEONE WAS AFTER HIM AND THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO
LEAVE. BY ARRANGEMENT CRANE DROVE SHERMAN-S CAR TO UTAH , PROBABLY
~~SALT~~ SALT LAKE CITY, WHERE HE PICKED UP MR. AND MRS. SHERMAN AND
THEIR DAUGHTER AND DROVE THEM TO NEW YORK. IN NEW YORK CITY SHERMAN
INTRODUCED CRANE TO BOB WHOM ~~CRANE~~ CRANE IDENTIFIED FROM PHOTOGRAPH AS
CHAMBERS. CRANE REMAINED IN NEW YORK A MONTH OR SO AND THEN RETURNED
TO SAN FRANCISCO ALONE IN SHERMAN-S CAR. SHERMAN RETURNED TO SAN
FRANCISCO A FEW MONTHS LATER AND SAILED FOR THE ORIENT ALONE. CRANE
ACCOMPANIED SHERMAN TO ~~THE~~ THE BOAT BUT COULD NOT RECALL ITS NAME OR
THE LINE. CRANE PLACED HIS TRIP TO NEW YORK WITH SHERMANS AS DURING
THE LONGSHORMENS STRIKE IN SAN FRANCISCO WHICH HE RECALLED READING IN
THE NEW YORK PAPERS. SHORTLY AFTER SHERMAN ~~SAILED~~ SAILED CRANE WENT
TO NYC WHERE HE WORKED FOR CHAMBERS DOING PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK. CRANE
RECALLED THAT HE MADE SOME TRIPS BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE COUNTRY BUT
COULD NOT RECALL THE DATE OR THE REASONS FOR THE TRIPS. HE REMEMBERED
MEETING CHAMBERS IN THE SAN ~~FRANCISCO~~ FRANCISCO YMCA BY PREARRANGEMENT
AND CHAMBERS WAS ~~REGISTERED~~ REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF CANTWELL.
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PAGE THREE

CHAMBERS DELIVERED GREY-BLACK RUBBER MONEY BELT TO CRANE FOR SAFE KEEPING AND CRANE KEPT IT HOME AND LATER DELIVERED IT BACK TO CHAMBERS IN NEW YORK CITY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD NOT EXAMINED THE CONTENTS OF THE MONEY BELT BUT RECALLED IT BEING COUNTED OUT ON HIS ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK BY CHAMBERS AND AN UNKNOWN JEWISH ~~MAN~~ MAN. CRANE RECALLED FOLKOFF BEING WITH HIMSELF AND CHAMBERS ON ONE OCCASION DURING TIME CHAMBERS IN SAN FRANCISCO TO DELIVER THE MONEY BELT BUT UNCERTAIN THAT ~~FOLKOFF~~ FOLKOFF PRESENT WHEN MONEY ~~BELT~~ BELT CHANGED HANDS. CRANE RECALLED THE AMOUNT AS AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS. WHILE IN NEW YORK AND ~~CRANE~~ AFTER SHERMAN HAD LEFT FOR THE ORIENT CRANE AGAIN MET THE ITALIAN COUPLE TO WHOM HE HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN L. A. CRANE STATES THE ITALIAN HAD NO WORK TO DO AND TO KEEP THEM OCCUPIED CHAMBERS HAD CRANE TEACH THE ~~ITALIAN~~ ITALIAN-S WIFE PHOTOGRAPHY. CRANE TAUGHT HER A LITTLE PHOTOGRAPHY AT ~~THE~~ THE ITALIAN-S APARTMENT AT STATEN ISLAND OR GREENWICH VILLAGE. CRANE STATED THE ITALIAN WAS ALSO KNOWN AS PETE AND HE FOUGHT IN THE SPANISH REVOLUTION. HE DESCRIBED THE ITALIAN ~~AS~~ WAS AS FORTYTWO TO FORTYFIVE NOW, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY LBS. WELL BUILT, BROWN EYES, BROWN WAVY HAIR, GOOD LOOKING MECHANIC AND ~~AND~~ HAM RADIO OPERATOR AND ITALIAN NAVY OFFICER IN WORLD WAR ONE. THE ~~ITALIAN~~ ITALIAN-S WIFE WAS OF SPANISH OR MEXICAN ~~DESCENT~~ DESCENT. CRANE LAST SAW THIS ITALIAN IN LOS ANGELES ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY AT ~~WHICH~~ WHICH TIME THE ITALIAN WAS REMARRIED AND FATHER OF A NEW BABY. CRANE STATED THAT WHILE IN NEW YORK THE ITALIAN WAS NOT WORKING FOR THEM THOUGH HE AND CHAMBERS HAD A FIXED

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PAGE FOUR

MEETING WITH THE ITALIAN ONCE A MONTH. CRANE RECALLED WORKING WITH CHAMBERS IN NEW YORK, WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE BUT RECALLS DOING PHOTOGRAPHY IN NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE ONLY. HE RECALLED ONE OCCASION IN BALTIMORE WHERE HE PHOTOGRAPHED TREASURY AND STATE DEPT. DOCUMENTS EVERY NIGHT FOR A WEEK STRAIGHT. THIS WAS DONE IN SOMEONES APARTMENT LOCATED UPSTAIRS OVER AN OFFICE, PROBABLY REAL ESTATE OFFICE, IN TWO STORY BUILDING NEAR BREWERY AND IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT IN CENTRAL PART OF BALTIMORE. HE DID NOT KNOW THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THESE DOCUMENTS AND STATED THAT HE HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF EVER MEETING ALGER HISS. ASIDE FROM THIS INCIDENT THERE WAS NOT MUCH WORK AND CRANE STOOD BY RECEIVING OCCASIONAL NIGHT CALLS FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICE. CRANE RECALLED HAVING MET A RED HAIRE~~D~~D RUSSIAN KNOWN AS PETE AND HAS RECENTLY READ THAT CHAMBERS HAS IDENTIFIED THIS RUSSIAN AS A COLONEL. CRANE STATED CHAMBERS INTRODUCED HIM TO THIS ~~MAN~~ MAN AT A PREARRANGED MEETING BELIEVED TO BE IN AN AUTOMAT. ~~INFORMATION~~ INFORMATION REGARDING THIS INDIVIDUAL WILL BE FULLY DEVELOPED IN NEXT INTERVIEW WITH CRANE. CRANE STATED IN FALL OF NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN CHAMBERS TOLD HIM THAT THEIR WORK HAD FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS AND ~~THAT~~ THAT EVERYONE SEEMED TO BE TRAITORS---IT WAS DECIDED CRANE SHOULD RETURN TO THE WEST COAST AND GET OUT OF THE WORK. CHAMBERS TOLD CRANE THAT SHERMAN WAS LIVING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND WARNED HIM ~~TO~~ TO STAY AWAY FROM SHERMAN AND HE, CRANE, WOULD BE ALL RIGHT. CRANE STATED THAT SINCE HIS RETURN TO THE WEST COAST HE HAS HAD NO CONNECTION WHATEVER WITH SOVIET ESPIONAGE.

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REPORT MADE AT PORTLAND	DATE WHEN MADE 2-12-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-10-49	REPORT MADE BY ELVIN L. BARTON
TITLE JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.; 266,586 ALGER HISS			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY ESPIONAGE - R
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">DATE <u>7-14-87</u> BY <u>SP7MAC/HUS</u></p> <p>RAYMOND D. JAMESON and wife, DOROTHY JAMESON, now reside Route 4, Box 104, Corvallis, Oregon. RAYMOND JAMESON denies ever having known ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS, but toward end of interview admitted recognizing photograph of ALGER HISS as person he has seen and feels he should know but cannot recall circumstances of meetings. Denies having known WHITTAKER CHAMBERS or his wife and did not recognize photographs these people. DOROTHY JAMESON admits knowing PRISCILLA HISS when both resided same neighborhood 1942 and part of 1943, when jointly engaged in civilian defense work, but states never was in HISS home and had no social contacts with them. Circumstances of the JAMESONS associations in Washington D. C. set forth from Fall of 1938 to date, including RAYMOND JAMESON's assertion that he mingled for a brief time with some groups he now believes were Communist front groups. He claims that he has always been and still is very much anti-Communist. Both RAYMOND and DOROTHY JAMESON, initially during interview stated they believed ALGER HISS not guilty of charges brought against him, claiming basis for this belief their utmost confidence in the integrity and ability of men connected with Carnegie Foundation to pick men of integrity and absolute reliability.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Washington Field Office letter to Bureau dated February 8, 1949.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Kisseloff, 2866</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. C. [Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 Bureau 3 New York 1 Special Asst. to Attorney General T. J. DONEGAN, New York City 2 Portland 1000		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">74-177-2117</div>	

DETAILS:

AT CORVALLIS, OREGON

RAYMOND D. JAMESON, Route 4, Box 104, advised that he resides here with his mother, Mrs. KATE JAMESON. Mr. JAMESON stated that he came to his home in Corvallis, Oregon in June, 1948, after severing his employment with the American Red Cross in Washington, D. C. during that period. He said he had decided to take a year off and reside in Corvallis, Oregon to do research and writing on Japanese folklore, which is the specialized field in which he has been trained. Mr. JAMESON appeared at all times to be extremely friendly, and when the subject of ALGER HISS was presented to him in the early part of the interview stated immediately that he had never been personally acquainted with ALGER HISS, but seemed somewhat indignant concerning the bad publicity directed against HISS in recent months, stating further that he personally did not believe any of these charges, and had so stated infrequently to some of his friends in recent weeks. He explained that he based his belief in this matter purely on the fact that he was well acquainted with some of the men in the Carnegie Foundation and its affiliated groups, and had utmost confidence and faith in their integrity and ability to select a man such as ALGER HISS for the high position he had been awarded by that foundation. He said he had based his complete trust in these men, on such matters, to the extent that he was convinced that the Carnegie Foundation and its officials could not be guilty of such an outstanding mistake as would be indicated in the charges publicized in various news releases against ALGER HISS.

Repeatedly during the interview, Mr. JAMESON was presented with the proposition as to whether he could possibly have known ALGER HISS under any other name or names, or could have known him in some capacity, or whether there were any other circumstances causing him to believe in the innocence of HISS, beyond his trust in the officials of the Carnegie Foundation. At all times Mr. JAMESON maintained he had not known ALGER HISS, but would base his belief as aforementioned. When asked as to the identity of the individuals in the Carnegie Foundation that he had in mind, and in whom he had placed such confidence as to their integrity and ability, he named only one person. He said that WALDO LELAND, head of the American Council of Learned Societies, Washington, D. C., which is an affiliate of the Carnegie Foundation, is the person who selects and passes on the qualifications and abilities of all the learned scholars, in or out of the United States, who are placed in responsible positions either with the Carnegie Foundation or in other positions. Mr. JAMESON indicated, although he was not specific in this regard, that WALDO LELAND was quite influential and

highly regarded as to his ability to pick the proper caliber men for high positions, some of which, he indicated, were government positions. He did state that WALDO LELAND was a close personal friend, and held in high esteem by Justice FELIX FRANKFURTER, United States Supreme Court. He stated that WALDO LELAND is now retired but is believed to be a consultant with the National Parks Commission.

RAYMOND JAMESON, in the early part of the interview, when questioned as to his acquaintanceship with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, as noted, denied such acquaintanceship, and stated that, since the publicity regarding ALGER HISS had arisen, he and his wife, DOROTHY JAMESON, discussed this matter and she had recalled that she was acquainted with PRISCILLA HISS.

Mrs. DOROTHY JAMESON, wife of RAYMOND D. JAMESON, at this point was called into the room by her husband. Mrs. DOROTHY JAMESON stated that she and her husband purchased their home at 3334 Volta Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., which is in the Georgetown section, in about January, 1941, having previously lived in other sections of Washington, D. C. since late in 1938. She recalled that sometime, possibly in 1942 or somewhat earlier, PRISCILLA HISS and her husband moved into this neighborhood, approximately at the address of 3415 Volta Place, N. W., which would be across the street and one block from their home. She said she cannot ever recall having seen ALGER HISS, but became acquainted with PRISCILLA HISS in about January, 1942, or thereabout, when the Civilian Defense groups were organized, at which time PRISCILLA HISS became chairman of housing for their section of Civilian Defense, and Mrs. JAMESON became chairman of the food committee. In this capacity they met with other women on a few occasions in a church where all their meetings were conducted. She said that she had never been in the ALGER HISS home, and could not recall ever having been invited to that home, nor had she ever visited socially in the crowd with PRISCILLA HISS and her husband. She believes that the only meetings she attended of the Civilian Defense group where PRISCILLA HISS was present would have been the meetings preceding practice blackouts, which, she estimated, would be five or six in number. She also stated that she had, after initially meeting PRISCILLA HISS, seen her on the streets of Washington, D. C. several times, and chatted briefly with her. It was Mrs. JAMESON's belief that the Civilian Defense activities largely ceased sometime about May, 1943 when she left Washington, D. C. briefly for a visit on the West Coast, and she cannot recall having seen PRISCILLA HISS since that time.

RAYMOND D. JAMESON and his wife, DOROTHY JAMESON, jointly stated that they returned from a considerable stay in the Orient, and especially China, during the early summer of 1938, and during that summer RAYMOND JAMESON taught at the University of Wisconsin as a visiting professor. In the Autumn of 1938 both came to Washington, D. C. On this occasion Mr. JAMESON visited Dr.

HERBERT PUTNAM, Librarian, Library of Congress, at which time Dr. PUTNAM offered JAMESON a position as a consultant, which JAMESON readily accepted, feeling that this was a great opportunity for a writer. Mr. JAMESON said that he was in his position with the library of Congress from that time until 1939, when ARCHIBALD MacLIESH was appointed as Librarian, and Dr. PUTNAM retired. JAMESON said that until that time he had never met MacLIESH. He stated that he became closely acquainted with MacLIESH and saw a great deal of him until 1942 when MacLIESH spent a great deal of his time with the Office of War Information. In November, 1942, JAMESON said, he left the Library of Congress and joined the American Red Cross. He continued employment with the American Red Cross, and, in May, 1943, was sent on an overseas assignment to Australia where he remained, including other places in the Orient, until February, 1946, when he returned to Washington, D. C. with the American Red Cross and continued in their employment until June, 1948, when he resigned and came to Corvallis, Oregon. At this point, Mrs. JAMESON stated that, on the departure of her husband on the overseas assignment, in May, 1943, she left their home at 3334 Volta Place, N. W. and came to the West Coast, returning to Washington, D. C. in the Fall of 1943, at which time she sold their home and lived at the residence of a friend by the name of MINA GILL, whose home was near their former residence, residing there from November, 1943 until February, 1944, at which time she obtained an apartment at 2500 Q Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. She lived there until December, 1944, during which time she was working for UNRRA. In December, 1944 she received an assignment with UNRRA and went to Australia where she joined her husband, and eventually returned to the United States with him in February, 1946.

Mrs. JAMESON stated that the only persons in the neighborhood, that she could recall, who might have also been acquainted with PRISCILLA HISS during this period were possibly:

Mrs. MORTIMER GRAVES,
3331 or 3333 Dent Place, N. W.,
whose husband was Executive Secretary, American Council
of Learned Societies;

Mrs. JOHN FAIRBANKS,
34th Street, N. W.,
whose husband was then with the Office of War Information
and is now said to be a professor of Oriental history,
Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts;

Mrs. MEYER or MEYERS,
3300 block of P Street, N. W.,
whose husband was affiliated with the Interstate Commerce
Commission.

Mrs. JAMESON said that she believed that PRISCILLA HISS and her husband moved away from their residence in the Georgetown section, possibly in the Fall of 1942. She states that this is somewhat guess work on her part. She further stated that she has never received a letter or communication of any type from PRISCILLA HISS, either directly or indirectly, and has none of the Civilian Defense data which PRISCILLA HISS may have given her during their association. Both Mr. and Mrs. JAMESON said they had never been in correspondence with either Mr. or Mrs. ALGER HISS during any period.

RAYMOND D. JAMESON recalled that he and his wife attended a few social functions, beginning 1939 through May, 1943, at the home of ARCHIBALD MacLIESH, some of which were in the form of cocktail parties attended by very large groups of people. He stated that ARCHIBALD MacLIESH, during that period, resided at 1520 - 33 Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., which was only a short block from the JAMESON home at 3334 Volta Place, N. W. Mr. JAMESON, who was again interviewed singly, without the presence of Mrs. JAMESON, from this point on in the interview, said that it would be possible for him to have met, without recalling them, some individuals such as ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS at the MacLIESH home on one of these occasions. He further stated that he thought it was quite probable that MacLIESH would have been quite well acquainted with ALGER HISS, basing this belief on the fact that MacLIESH was also a high official in the United States State Department subsequent to 1942, and would no doubt have had considerable contact with ALGER HISS.

Mr. RAYMOND JAMESON, alone, was interviewed and asked if he had ever known any member or members of the Communist Party, at which time he stated frankly he had known one Jewish individual, who was a former school-mate acquaintance, who admitted to him at one time that he was a member of the Communist Party, and highly recommended such membership in somewhat fanatical language to Mr. JAMESON. JAMESON stated that he never had been affiliated with the Communist Party in any way, and did not believe in Communism, and, in fact, was anti-Communist. He stated that this Jewish individual whom he had mentioned was not now, and has never been employed by the United States government, to his knowledge, and he did not mention his name. Mr. JAMESON said that he has, as a writer, studied Marxian philosophy, and had, as a student of Political Science, read considerable Communist literature. He stated that he had read the book entitled "Das Kapital", written by ENGELS and KARL MARX, and believed that he had a fairly good understanding of Communist dialectics. He said that he has known no specific instance of anyone whom he believed to be a Communist Party member also being an employee of the United States government, at any time, to his knowledge. He said that he had heard one or two employees discuss Communistic philosophy when he was similarly employed with the Library of Congress, but thought their discussion was purely from an academic standpoint. He said none

of these government employees were in any policy making positions, and he had never known or suspected anyone in a policy making position with the United States Government to have Communistic affiliations. He stated that someone may have mistakenly gained the impression that he was Communistically inclined inasmuch as when he returned from the Orient in the Fall of 1938, after some period of absence from the United States, he and his wife sought to become acquainted with a large number of persons in various organizations in Washington, D. C., and sought out such gatherings. During this period of 1938 and 1939, he recalls that he was invited to speak, and did speak on matters concerning the Orient, especially in the field of folklore, before at least the following three groups:

Washington Book Shop;

American League for Peace and Democracy; and

Friends of New China.

JAMESON said that he met many Chinese Communists when he was in China and knew something about Communists, he thought, and when speaking before the aforementioned three groups he heard various persons make speeches which were definitely of the Communist Party-line type, which he immediately recognized. JAMESON said that neither he nor his wife ever affiliated with any of these organizations as they immediately recognized them as Communist fronts, but said he thought there was nothing particularly wrong in appearing before them and speaking on a subject non-Communistic in nature, as it seemed to be somewhat popular during that period to enjoy seeking friendship with all Liberals, including Communists.

At this point in the interview photographs of Mr. and Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS were exhibited to RAYMOND D. JAMESON, who, without hesitation, stated that he did not recognize the photographs as anyone he had ever known, nor had he ever met these people.

He was then shown a full length photograph as well as the head and shoulders photograph, front and side views, of ALGER HISS, which were taken December 16, 1948. Mr. JAMESON studied the photographs of ALGER HISS carefully and said that he recognized HISS as someone whom he must surely know and had met in Washington, D. C. at sometime. He repeated, however, that he could not recall where he met ALGER HISS, but was certain that he had, in his own mind, but had never connected the name ALGER HISS with this particular individual. He said it must have been some meeting of a large group or a casual meeting, otherwise he would recall the event. He said that he felt that he knew the

person identified in the photograph as ALGER HISS well enough to feel obligated to speak to this person should he meet him on the street. Mr. JAMESON, for a considerable period of time, continued in his attempt to recall where he possibly may have met ALGER HISS, and ultimately stated that he may have met him through WALDO LELAND, head of the American Council of Learned Societies. He said that from 1939 until November, 1942 he, JAMESON, served during part of that period as Administrator of the Consultant Service, Library of Congress, and as such was deputized by ARCHIBALD MacLIESH to attend some meetings of the American Council of Learned Societies, held at the Cosmos Club, generally in the form of luncheons or dinners. He believes he may have met ALGER HISS, who was possibly also representing some agency, at such meetings. He remarked at this point that ARCHIBALD MacLIESH had stated, jokingly, on one occasion, that nothing really important ever happened in Washington, D. C. without having first been conceived in some meeting at the Cosmos Club or elsewhere by the American Council of Learned Societies. JAMESON stated further that these particular meetings would concern high policy matters in the making, and generally were not attended by a large group, but would be a closely knit group of scholars, as he deemed it. He said this group discussed matters such as the Donovan Committee preparatory to its becoming the Office of Strategic Service.

JAMESON also said that he may have met ALGER HISS at another similar type of meetings that he attended as a representative of the Library of Congress, which is known as the Committee for Displaced Persons. JAMESON explained that he was not a member of the committee but merely attended as a liaison representative of the Library of Congress at the personal direction of ARCHIBALD MacLIESH. He said the principal duty of this committee was to sift the expert scholars among the displaced persons so that they could be placed in a position where their knowledge could be best utilized in the war effort. He said the Library of Congress secured several of these scholars through information gained from the committee, and placed them in the Library of Congress to evaluate foreign books and correspondence. JAMESON said that the Committee for Displaced Persons was headed by a man whose name he is unable to recall, but who is the father of the young man who committed suicide in New York City, in the past several months, by leaping from the office window to the street below, prior to being questioned by the House Unamerican Activities Committee. (This possibly refers to LAURANCE DUGGAN, ex State Department employee, who died in a suicide fall in New York City sometime during December, 1948, and who was under questioning by the House Unamerican Activities Committee.) JAMESON states it is possible that he met ALGER HISS through the father of this young man.

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Throughout the entire interview of RAYMOND D. JAMESON, which was attended for a brief period by his wife, Mrs. DOROTHY JAMESON, and which was somewhat lengthy, RAYMOND JAMESON expressed great admiration for the FBI, stating that he felt that the United States Government's investigation of Communists and Communist activities would be in safe hands if left in the hands of the FBI. He expressed strong animosity toward the House Unamerican Activities Committee. JAMESON was very affable and pleasant during the interview, and answered most questions readily and without apparent mental reservations. Mr. JAMESON expressed surprise, which may have been genuine, that the FBI should seek him out in Corvallis, Oregon for this interview, and merely remarked that it was difficult to understand why anyone would consider him an associate of ALGER HISS. He was advised that it was possible that some representative of the Bureau might again call upon him in the future concerning this matter, and he stated he would be glad to cooperate with the United States Government in any way possible to obtain the facts in this, or any other similar case. Mr. JAMESON remarked that he thought it would be unjust if ALGER HISS was cleared of the pending charges against him by the United States Government, and afterwards would not be able to occupy a position of trust in the United States Government.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #812
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DIRECTOR, FBI

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
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Dear Sir:

Re Washington Field teletype February 17, 1949, requesting photostatic copies of all material in personnel file of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, formerly employed at Railroad Retirement Board, and information regarding appointment, employment, references, addresses, identity of fellow employees and identity of supervisors.

On February 21, 1949, EUGENE MARTIN, assistant Personnel Officer, Railroad Retirement Board, Chicago, made available photostatic copies of all documents in the personnel file of ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, who was employed by the Board as Chief Economist from March 16, 1936 to August 16, 1939, and as Director of Research from the latter date until March 26, 1942, when he was transferred to the Army Air Forces, War Department. Approval for the release of these photostats was obtained by Special Agent WESLEY A. ANDERSON from HARRY SASSAMAN, Acting Secretary to the Railroad Retirement Board, who cleared the matter with two of the three members of the Board. Photostats of SILVERMAN's entire file, consisting of eighty-one pages, are enclosed herewith, with a copy of this letter for Washington Field. It should be noted that pages fifty-seven and fifty-eight appear on the same photostat as do pages seventy-four and seventy-five and that two copies of each of these are enclosed inasmuch as some information appeared under a flap on the original page which was turned back to prepare the second photostat.

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In addition Mr. MARTIN advised that it appeared that SILVERMAN worked directly under the supervision of the three members of the RRB who at the time of his employment were MURRAY W. LATIMER, Chairman, L. M. EDDY and MERLE R. REED.

Current addresses of the above persons, as obtained from Mr. SASSAMIAN, are as follows:

MURRAY W. LATIMER, 2911 Albenarle Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
L. M. EDDY, 870 32nd Avenue, N. W., St. Petersburg, Florida
MERLE R. REED, Assistant Chief of Motive Power, Pennsylvania Railroad, Room 1607, Broad Street Station Building, 1617 Pennsylvania Boulevard, Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania.

Mr. SASSAMIAN checked the files in the Executive Office of the Board Members of the RRB and was unable to locate any information concerning how Mr. SILVERMAN originally made his application with the Board or whether his employment was promoted by any particular person. He was able to locate the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 4, 1936 at which SILVERMAN's appointment was approved.

Mr. MARTIN advised that the following persons were employed with SILVERMAN at the RRB.

ESTHER F. SNYDER, nee, TERRILL, SILVERMAN's Secretary, 1731 28th Street, S.E., Washington, D. C.; appointed March 30, 1936, transferred to Air Forces, War Department, May 31, 1942.

SOLOMON SMITH KUZNETS, Chief Economist, appointed February 26, 1933, resigned February 7, 1944. KUZNETS died February 7, 1945.

JOSEPH J. SENTURIA, Economist, 5410 Macomb Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., appointed November 16, 1937, transferred to Air Forces, War Department, May 25, 1942. SENTURIA was previously employed by the Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

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CLEMENT WINSTON, (originally WEINSTEIN), Economist, 1420 Tuckerman Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., appointed August 26, 1938, transferred to OPA June 30, 1942. WINSTON was born in either Germany or Russia.

BERTHA BLAIR, Economist, 1625 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., appointed April 24, 1936, transferred to National War Labor Board, September 13, 1943.

S. HERBERT UNTERBERGER, Economist, 1334 Fort Stevens Drive, N.W., Washington, D. C., appointed November 1, 1938, transferred to the Office for Emergency Management, February 22, 1942.

RUTH E. MARKE, Economist, 1105 Kenyon Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., appointed December 16, 1938, transferred to OPA May 6, 1942.

EDWIN MEDBURY FITCH, Chief Statistician, 3401 Washington Avenue, Washington, D. C., appointed June 17, 1936, transferred to Office for Emergency Management, January 23, 1942.

JOSEPH M. GILLMAN, Economic Statistician, 1630 R Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. GILLMAN was born in Russia, appointed April 20, 1936, transferred to OPA November 2, 1942.

HAROLD WOOL, Economic Statistician, 4348 North Henderson Road, Arlington, Virginia, appointed August 22, 1938, transferred to Labor Department, March 19, 1942.

J. EDWARD ELY, Economist, 4025 25th Street, N.W., Arlington, Virginia, appointed January 18, 1938, transferred to Department of Commerce, June 22, 1941.

MABEL A. SMITH, Statistician, 1717 Lamont Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., appointed December 27, 1938, transferred to Treasury Department, March 15, 1942.

CHARLES G. GOOR, Assistant Economist, 3919 North Fourth Street, Arlington, Virginia, appointed March 16, 1936, transferred to Social Security Board, December 1, 1940.

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JACK M. ELKIN, 541 Roscoe Street, Chicago, Illinois, appointed a Junior Actuarial Mathematician, October 20, 1936 and currently is employed by the RRB in Chicago as Assistant Director of Research. Investigation concerning him was conducted under the LGE Program.

GEORGE GUSSMAN, Assistant Economic Statistician, 4211 Second Street, North Arlington, Virginia, appointed May 7, 1936, transferred to Veterans Administration, June 8, 1946, after serving in the Armed Forces.

SAMUEL A. BLOCK, 645 Buckingham Place, Chicago, Illinois. BLOCK was employed March 16, 1936 as an Economic Statistician and continues in the employ of RRB in the Department of Research with a rating of P-6. Investigation concerning Mrs. SAMUEL A. BLOCK under the Hatch Act was conducted in the Washington Field.

IRA MARSHAK, 4916 South Drexel Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. MARSHAK entered the RRB under CAF-3 September 14, 1938, and currently is employed as a Statistician earning \$6,235, per annum.

HELEN F. ROBISON, nee FEINSOD (husband JOSEPH B. ROBISON) Economic Statistician, 9702 Lawson Place, Silver Springs, Maryland, appointed April 13, 1936, transferred to Office for Emergency Management, March 18, 1942.

JEANNETTE BOGOTY (husband HERMAN BOGOTY) Economic Statistician, 2411 14th Street, N.E., Washington, D. C., appointed June 10, 1939, transferred to OEM, November 15, 1942.

A. CHARLOTTE McFAUL (husband H. ALGIRE McFAUL), Economic Statistician, 110 Barron Street, Takoma Park, Maryland, appointed March 8, 1937, resigned June 19, 1942, to care for her child.

JOSEPH B. GLENN, Actuary, 5214 First Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. (as late as February 18, 1948), appointed March 16, 1936, discharged with prejudice for non-cooperation and insubordination, February 17, 1942.

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HERMAN H. BARTIMER, Actuary, 1465 Gerard Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., appointed April 4, 1936, transferred to War Department May 3, 1942.

MAX A. BERSHAD, Actuary, 933 Randolph Street, N. W., Washington, D.C., appointed September 25, 1937, transferred to War Production Board, June 7, 1942.

JOSEPH MUSER, Belmont Plaza Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. MUSER was appointed in classification CAF-4 March 23, 1936 and presently is employed by the RRB with a rating of P-7.

MARGARET GREENFIELD, Chief of Reports and Information Service, 1010 25th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., appointed April 11, 1936, transferred to OPA May 24, 1942.

It should be noted that information concerning JOSEPH H. GILMAN and MARGARET GREENFIELD was previously reported in this case in connection with the employment of CHAMBERS by the WPA at which time he was assigned to the RRB; GILMAN and GREENFIELD functioned in supervisory capacities as RRB employees assigned to the WPA project.

With respect to other persons listed above, who have left the RRB, it is believed that most of them transferred to other departments at the time the RRB moved its headquarters to Chicago.

V. PAUL CARNEY, Chief Personnel Officer, RRB, from 1937 until 1948, and an employee in the Legal Department of the RRB since the latter year, advised that although SILVERMAN became an employee of the Board in 1936 he believed that SILVERMAN was hired at the instigation of MURRAY W. LATIMER, Chairman. Mr. CARNEY stated this was an opinion and not based on any facts. CARNEY also stated that he believed SILVERMAN, to the best of his recollection, was particularly anxious to obtain the services of CLEMENT WINSTON as an employee of the Board at the time the latter was hired but CARNEY could not recall the exact circumstances. He could not recall which other persons were brought into the RRB at the instigation of SILVERMAN. However, he suggested the following persons as being most likely to be able to furnish pertinent information concerning SILVERMAN:

ESTHER F. SNYDER
JOSEPH J. SENTURIA
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JOSEPH B. GLENN.

Mr. CARNEY also suggested that ALDO RAFFA, who was Assistant to the Board Chairman, until about 1942, might be able to furnish pertinent information. RAFFA's personnel file reflected he resided 802 Garfield, Bethesda, Maryland and was employed by the RRB from August 15, 1938, until February 15, 1942, at which time he transferred to the Office for Emergency Management.

It should be noted that GLENN was discharged with prejudice. On February 18, 1948 he addressed a letter to the RRB requesting that his case be reconsidered to the extent that the record be changed concerning the reason for his discharge because he believed additional facts were now available to the Board. The Board, in a letter to him, declined to reconsider his case.

Mr. CARNEY commented that GLENN was discharged by SILVERMAN.

Mr. CARNEY requested that any information furnished by him be retained in extreme confidence and that his identity not be disclosed to any one outside the Bureau.

With respect to EDWIN M. FITCH, HARRY SASSAMAN, Acting Secretary, RRB, advised that during 1937 or 1938, while he was in Washington and an employee of the Board, he was invited by FITCH, who worked in a different department, to the latter's home for the purpose of listening to short wave radio broadcasts from foreign countries. SASSAMAN along with a group of persons went to FITCH's home one evening at which time FITCH unsuccessfully attempted to tune in a broadcast from Spain. SASSAMAN pointed out that this was during the period of the Spanish Civil War. During the evening FITCH brought up this war and attempted to have persons present organize parties and other events for the purpose of raising funds for the Loyalists. SASSAMAN felt that FITCH had tricked him and other persons present and informed FITCH that he was not interested.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to Miami and Philadelphia for their use in the event that interviews with MERLE R. REED and L. M. EDDY are desired.

Unless advised to the contrary the Chicago Office contemplates no further interviews with persons listed in this letter.

Very truly yours,

G. R. McSwain
G. R. McSWAIN,
Special Agent in Charge

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